



Honor Amendment Passes

By CARA SCHULZ
Staff Writer

Last week Mary Washington students were presented with a unique opportunity to decide whether or not changes should be made to the Honor Constitution to remove permanent

record notations for some received sanctions.

Now the BOV must choose to accept or reject the amendments.

"The resolution and discussion on whether to accept the change to the Honor Code will come to the BOV at our next meeting," said Mona

Albertine, rector of the Board of Visitors.

The results are in and the voting was a success.

Over 1,100 students from the Fredericksburg campus participated, 818 in favor and 365 opposed, and 91 students from the Stafford campus

voted, 76 in favor and 15 opposed.

Students were sent e-mails at 9 p.m. last Tuesday evening indicating that voting on the amendments to the Constitution would commence at 12:01 a.m. on Feb. 15 and last until the 17. A link was provided so that students could not only learn more

about the proposed amendments, but also cast their votes online. Bernard Chirico, vice president for student affairs, sent out the e-mail.

"We chose to have the voting take place online over several days in order

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Cabinet Cancels Elections

By KATIE TELLER
News Editor

The executive cabinet of the Student Government Association has decided to reschedule SGA elections until after spring break, after controversies arose in the campaigning period.

Students who were running for office will have to start the process all over again, from a clean slate, and go through the nominations and campaigning procedure again.

The Election Rules and Procedures committee of the student senate has the authority to run elections. However, earlier this week, the SGA executive cabinet voted narrowly to take control of the elections out of the committee's hands and appoint a new ad hoc committee to oversee this year's elections.

Meetings were held Tuesday to inform candidates about the situation.

"Our intention with this is to establish a fair election," said senior Meghan Cudahy, chair of the academic affairs council.

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Journals Are Back

By AMANDA CRISSUP
Copy Editor

With online blogs such as www.livejournal.com, daily monotony for some, is poetry.

"Life ticks on in Fredericksburg at 60 beats per minute," Opalite posted. "The rubber plant near the door continues to die, Liz saran wraps ice on her shoulder, I get my homework done, and we mostly try to be at peace with our neighbors."

For others, it's a non-stop drama filled train wreck. "I feel like I'm walking on glass with everyone and they're waiting for me to fall," wrote Roxi, hart03. "I hate it."

But for approximately 195 current students and alumni it's a way

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Theresa Kennedy, English department chair; Tilahun Adera, brother of Tadesse Adera; and Connie Smith, senior lecturer of English remember Tadesse Adera at Wednesday's service.

Below: Christina Kakava, associate professor of linguistics; and Steve Watkins, associate professor of English, came to Wednesday's service to remember their colleague.

Remembering Adera

By KRISTYNN SULLIVAN
News Writer

A large crowd of family, friends, colleagues and students gathered yesterday to commemorate the life and work of Dr. Tadesse Adera. Adera passed away Tuesday, Jan. 17, the second day of classes of the second semester.

Upon entering the Great Hall, jazz music was softly floating through the air, and a slide show ran on a projection screen in the front of the room. The slideshow featured pictures of a smiling Adera in various stages of his life: as a child, with his own children, at his graduation and at the Mary Washington graduations of his students.



The ceremony began with a welcome from Teresa Kennedy, the chair of the department of English, linguistics, and speech. She jokingly pointed out some of Adera's flaws, commenting on his inability to boil water as well as his ineptitude in all things technology. She also mentioned Adera's playful spirit, telling a story in which Adera told his new students in a heavy Ethiopian accent that he was "from Wyoming."

After the welcome, Tilahun Adera, a professor at Virginia Commonwealth University, and Tadesse's older brother spoke. He outlined Tadesse's history: they had come from a poor family in an

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Rosa Parks Memorialized In Ceremony

By ADELE CHAPIN
Assistant Viewpoints Editor

On Nov. 17, 1954, the day the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that segregation in public schools was unconstitutional, Moses Burt was in Germany, far away from segregated water fountains, restaurants and restrooms.

He was serving his country in the military, and the *Brown v. Board of Education* ruling was all that Burt and his fellow black soldiers could talk about.



"Two or three of us agreed that [desegregation] wouldn't work in the United States," Burt said. "That night I decided I would go to law school. The effort would need a lot of help for it to succeed."

On his way home to North Carolina, Burt was forced to move to a segregated train car, something he hadn't done in

months. When he attempted to buy a bus ticket, the teller ignored him.

"Then I knew I wanted to practice law," Burt said.

He went on to be the first black lawyer in the town of Burlington, N.C., and to be a champion of civil rights.

While a slideshow of pictures of Rosa Parks played on the wall behind him, Burt shared this story and the impact that Rosa Parks and the Civil Rights movement has had on his life.

He was one of four speakers at the Black

Faculty/Staff Association's panel discussion on Rosa Parks, an event held in Lee Hall Ballroom yesterday.

About 20 people attended the discussion.

Charlotte Corbett-Parker, program support technician for Academic Services and Rita Thompson, assistant dean of admission, organized the event, titled "One Woman Who Moved a Country: A Tribute to Rosa Parks."

"We chose Rosa Parks because after her death

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5 Day Forecast



TODAY
Sunny and Cloudy
High: 58
Low: 30



FRIDAY
Sun and Wind
High: 52
Low: 28



SATURDAY
Showers
High: 52
Low: 32



SUNDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 46
Low: 24



MONDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 42
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Verbatim...

"I was just trying to soak it all in and enjoy the moment."

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By STEPHANIE TAIT
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Tait Teller

Ask
The
Newsies

Underneath the amphitheater behind Lee Hall, there is a little door. What's behind it? Is it a bomb shelter?

We weren't entirely sure what this was either, so we took a look. There's a little door on the left-hand side of the amphitheater, if you're facing Sunken Road.

As for what's behind the sinister-looking entrance, we checked out your question with a couple of people.

First, we consulted John Wiltenmuth, vice president for facilities services and a permanent Tait & Teller guest star, about what was up with the door down below.

He told us the campus locksmith uses it for miscellaneous storage purposes, and guessed that it was a changing room when the amphitheater was used.

Then, Police Chief James Snipes offered to take us on a tour of the room.

While following Snipes down a slime-covered brick walkway, both Tait & Teller almost lost their footing and fell into the babbling brook below.

After fiddling with four key rings, Snipes found the right key and let us in the room.

We might add that he pumped his fist into the air when he found the correct key after only three tries, but we wouldn't want to embarrass him.

The door creaked open to reveal a vampire's wildest dreams.

Bottom line: It's nothing special, it's a dark room filled with old doorknobs and useless rubbish.

Oh, and remember the steam tunnels we wrote about in one of the first Tait & Tellers?

Snipes tried to show us what they looked like as well.

Ironically, he couldn't find the key.

Katie Teller and Stephanie Tait are *The Bulletin's* news editors.

Corrections

The Feb. 16 article in *The Bulletin*, "Unused Meals Benefit University," "gross revenue" was misrepresented as "profit." The University pays Sodexo on a per day basis. This amount is paid regardless of whether or not a student uses a meal on a given day. The University does not make a profit when meals go unused. Whether or not a student uses all of the meals on the plan has no effect on UMW's payment to Sodexo.

UMW Students Scammed

Telemarketers Solicit Students For Magazine Subscriptions

By DYLAN TUCCIO
Staff Writer

University of Mary Washington students have been the victims of an alleged telemarketing scam.

A campus-wide e-mail sent out by the

Office of Student Affairs warned students of high-pressure telemarketers selling magazines and refusing to cancel orders. The organization named was the International Readers League (IRL).

Bernard Chirico, vice president of student affairs, sent out the e-mail in order to give students warning.

"Part of our job is to keep this stuff from happening," Chirico said.

Chirico had gotten a call from the parent, he said, whose child had been deceived by the International Readers League into buying magazines and then wasn't allowed a subsequent cancellation.

"They kept pressing the issue," Chirico said.

How do such organizations obtain student numbers? Chirico said student's residence hall phone numbers are technically public, though he doubted the University would hand them out to any company asking.

According to the UMW handbook, which follows the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), "the University may release 'Directory Information' such as 'a student's name, addresses, telephone numbers, class level, names of parents, physical factors,' and so on. The handbook does not specify whether the University would be obligated to release such information.

Chirico said it is not hard to obtain the

information and refrained from releasing the name of the student affected.

When those affected by the scam attempted to be contacted by the company, they ran into home answering machines and rude operators.

According to an IRL branch manager in Georgia branch manager, they had gotten various complaints, one from the Attorney General.

However, he said that his particular branch had nothing to do with the apparent scandal and that the IRL was something like a franchise.

Other International Readers League branches said they knew nothing of the alleged scams.

Honor Change Vote Passes

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to reach as many students as possible and hopefully increase turnout," Chirico said.

"Last spring a mere 180 students voted on Honor Council amendments and this semester the number was close to 1,200," said senior Honor Council president, BJ Huff.

Honor Council members recognized the importance of having this vote put to students.

"Despite varying views about yes or no on the Council, we felt students had a right to vote," Huff said. "It is their Honor System and they deserve to have an input on how it operates."

Other Honor Council members saw areas of the voting process that could have used some improvement.

"If I could change anything, I would have made more time for education so that we could have reached more students before the voting time," said Honor Council vice president, Courtney Hopkins.

For some students who did not vote, increased education would have proven to be helpful.

"I didn't vote because I didn't take the time to know what the vote was on and didn't see any reason to vote," said sophomore Ann Nelson.

Her solution to a lack of student voting was more information.

"I think there should have been more opportunities to read up on what was being amended through more posters, e-mails, and professors talking," Nelson said.

Other students felt very passionate about the subject matter and readily cast their votes. For some, however, the results were less than favorable.

"I think that it was the wrong move because it sends the wrong message about the value of our Honor system here at Mary Washington," said junior Andrew Lamar.

Lamar thinks the Honor System has been compromised.

"This move means that a student body actually living with honor and integrity is less important at UMW than it is for those who lie, cheat, or steal to be able to apply for a job and claim to be people of integrity anyway," Lamar said.

Other students disagree and believe that the decision to accept the amendments was a positive one.

"Permanent records shouldn't be full of little mistakes you made when you were an undergrad; I think that by the time you graduate you've grown up enough to have some sanctions cleared from your record," said sophomore Karen Pegnato.

Pegnato does not believe the strength of the Honor Code is at risk.

"I believe people will still be held to a high standard," she said.

Mary Washington is still stricter in relation to other Virginia institutions with these new amendments.

According to the College of William & Mary's student handbook, only permanent dismissal is noted on the student's permanent record. Sanctions for contingent dismissal and suspension are removed after the completion of the punishment.

Virginia Tech's six-sanction Honor

Constitution makes no note as to the effects on the permanent record and half of their sanctions are merely increased increments of university service hours.

Though Mary Washington students

overwhelmingly decided in favor of the amendments with 70 percent of those who voted voting "yes," the process is not yet over.

Although a resolution has not yet been reached, Albertine shared her opinion about the amendment process.

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campuses," she said.

Chirico was pleased as well.

"Regardless of the outcome, it's a bit of a historical moment in the life of UMW, indicating we have a vibrant community interested in its own future," he said.

Professor Memorialized in Ceremony

Students, Faculty Remember Professor Adera

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area where less than 1 percent of the population were literate. The family moved into town and for the first time, education was possible. Through perseverance and encouragement from

their father, and despite a three-year stint in an Ethiopian prison where he was almost executed, Tadesse went through school, eventually gaining his Ph.D. Tiahun also extended thanks for the "outpouring of love and care" the family has received since Adera's passing.

He stated that they were "not in despair" and instead quoted the psalmist David when he said "We will return to him but he will not return to us." He then expressed hope of seeing Tadesse "in glory."

Following his brother's remembrance came a reading of Adera's poetry. Three of his original poems were read, first in Amharic and

then in English. A translated poem was also read.

After the poetry reading, a time of personal reflections and reminiscences began. Several colleagues came forward and shared stories of their interactions with Adera.

Connie Smith read an e-mail Adera had received from a former student that said, "I was fortunate enough to have you as a professor...you and that class had a profound effect on my life."

Steve Watkins, advisor to *The Bulletin*, said, "No one I know...enjoyed teaching as much as Tadesse."

After his colleagues spoke, there was an open time for other people to share their

remembrances. The ceremony concluded with the hymn "Amazing Grace."

As colleague Christina Kakava eloquently put it, "Tadesse did not choose to leave us and we didn't choose to lose him, but we can choose to remember him."

The service did just that.

Among them were Mehdi Amirazavi, of the department of classics, philosophy and religion; Ameta Vashee Rajagopal, of the director of the James Farmer Multicultural Center; and Connie Smith, Steve Watkins, Christina Kakava, Judith Parker and Claudia Emerson, all from the department of English, linguistics and speech.

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Editorial SGA: Silent Government Association?

With one of the largest budgets on campus and a president who reports directly to the Board of Visitors, the Student Government Association serves as the main representative body for students at the University.

Unfortunately, the SGA has a serious problem conducting business in an open manner.

Members of the SGA executive board unanimously decided to cancel nearly all elections after complaints about campaign advertising were reported to an elections committee.

While the executive board was fully within its rights according to the SGA constitution, the midnight discussion and subsequent agreement by members to remain silent about proceedings is highly disturbing.

The candidates, press and the rest of the student body were not made aware that such proceedings would take place.

Closing the doors to candidates and other students sends the message that SGA members do not answer to the student body, but only to themselves.

Not to mention, such a move is technically illegal.

The Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) clearly states that there are highly specific exemptions under which public bodies can close meetings.

The term "public body" is defined as any legislative or authoritative body in the Commonwealth supported wholly or principally by public funds.

The SGA, which exists at a publically funded institution is both elected and supported by public funds.

It is also detrimental to the SGA's reputation to have such meetings because it makes individuals appear as if they have something to hide.

The executive cabinet and all members of the SGA need to realize that when they conduct business in an open and public manner, it is harder for people to question their motives.

It is harder to defend decisions made behind closed doors simply because secrecy inherently heightens suspicions.

Anyone who thinks their reputation will be threatened or actions questioned by having open proceedings, should not be in the business of representation.

Politics is a necessary part of legislating and disagreements over all forms of government action are what makes a democracy strong.

The purpose of the SGA is to represent students and their concerns.

A great disservice was done to the election candidates and students who are now suspicious of the executive cabinet's motivations.

It would behoove the winner of the forthcoming presidential elections to make all meetings, minutes and other proceedings of the SGA open to the Mary Washington community.

Outside of this campus there are laws that all citizens must abide by. It is time the SGA look past its own constitution to actual legal precedents in order to make legitimate decisions in the future.

Dry-Erase Disrespect

Student Encounters Hate Message on Whiteboard

By ANTHONY DIRENZO
Guest Columnist

I have always been a fan of respect. I do my best to respect everyone. I treat people the way in which I would want to be treated. I was raised, as I believe everyone was, with a strong belief in playing nicely. Unfortunately, sometimes communication breaks down and hospitality gets thrown out. This is one of those cases.

At 11:30 on Sunday morning, I was doing my "Good morning, want to get brunch?" rounds on the second floor of Alvey Hall. I got back to my door and noticed that a message had been left on my whiteboard: "You are so gay. Get laid sometime."

I had immediate feelings of anger and sadness, because I know that the use of the word "gay" on this particular occasion was malicious. This message, to me, constituted hate and sexual harassment.

Who would write this? Even if someone did have a problem with my sexual orientation, I would hope that they would have the tact to just not approach me.

I informed a few friends of the situation and took a picture of my whiteboard. I approached the head resident about this and she was most anxious to help me out. At this point, I regained confidence that society might not be going to hell in a hand basket.

I was instructed to take my camera to the campus police station. A friend of mine walked me there because I was still very angry and having someone with me calmed me down a lot.

I walked into the police vestibule and a very nice officer told me to go downstairs and see the sergeant. I took the elevator to the bottom level of Lee Hall and found that office.

Here's how the conversation should have gone:

"Hi, my name is Anthony DiRenzo. My HR called earlier about a hate message written on my whiteboard."

"Please, have a seat, the sergeant would respond."

"Thank you." I would then show the sergeant the picture on my camera. "To me, this is potentially a hate crime with sexual harassment."

"Well, it's not written on anything permanent, so it's not a criminal offense, but it does constitute a civil offense. Let's see what we can do..."

What actually happened was less than satisfactory. I was met with short answers after describing the incident, and was offered a seat only to have a Virginia law book put in front of me with the stern demand, "Show me where this is a crime."

I looked at the book and it might have well have been written in binary code. I informed the sergeant that I do not know anything about law books and, absolutely offended by his lack of assistance, slammed it and left his office.

Upon drying my tears, I walked back to Alvey and informed my HR of the incident. She apologized to me on behalf of the University, and it made me feel a little better to know that some people will not tolerate such unhelpfulness.

About an hour later, as I was researching Virginia law codes online, my phone rang. I picked up the phone and the same nice officer who I first encountered greeted me.

He explained that my complaint was a civil offense and not a criminal offense. He offered me the sergeant's extension because he wanted to explain in detail the difference.

I apologized and told him that I was researching Virginia's laws and would not be contacting the sergeant.

The writings on my whiteboard were the first incident of hate I have encountered.

I pay tuition to this school; heck, I pay out-of-state tuition to this school.

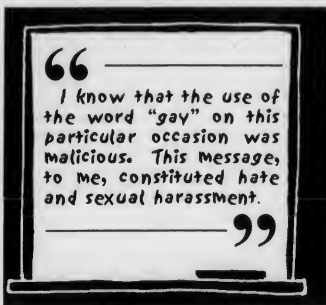
I was less than satisfied with the results of my asking for help from people who are paid to serve

and protect us.

I'm just asking for everyone at this school to stop for a minute and remember one of the first things we were told as children: "Play nicely."

Those two words could solve the world's problems if we just treated others as we want to be treated.

Anthony DiRenzo is a freshman.



Democrats Celebrate Black History Month

By COLIN BIDDLE
AND VANESSA MACOY
Guest Columnists

While reflecting on Black History Month, Colin and I, two white kids and members of the Mary Washington Young Democrats, would like to honor the contributions of communities of color to the Democratic Party.

In the last 50 years, the Democratic Party has emerged as an advocate of minority rights and has answered the cries for change from African-American leaders to become the party of diversity.

Dr. Carter G. Woodson was the first person to acknowledge the rich history of African-Americans when he started "Negro History Week" in 1926. Woodson was only the second person of color to receive a PhD. from Harvard.

Throughout his career he was a strong proponent of both civil rights and education. These are exactly the goals the Democratic Party continues to strive for.

In 1948, Jackie Robinson was breaking the color barrier in baseball. In the same year, President Truman appointed the Presidential Committee on Civil Rights, which called for "elimination of segregation based on race, color, creed or national origin from American life."

Truman was the first Democrat, and the first president since Lincoln, to take a progressive stand on civil rights.

John F. Kennedy first promoted Thurgood Marshall to a federal position in 1962. When

Lyndon Johnson ascended to the Presidency, he appointed Marshall as the first person of color to the Supreme Court.

From Brown vs. Board of Education to hundreds of decisions upheld by the Supreme Court, Marshall's legal career drastically changed American society, and his constitutional scholarship is widely recognized.

Just four days after Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination, Democratic Representative

John Conyers of Michigan was the first legislator to recommend MLK Day to recognize King's leadership and sacrifice.

Despite Conyers's expediency, it took 15 years to pass.

Despite the accomplishments of such great African-American leaders, racism remains an implicit part of the system.

It is hard to believe, but as of the 109th Congress, only five African-Americans have served as United States senators. Of those, two carried out their terms in the 19th Century and one was a Republican from Massachusetts.

In modern terms, it seems likely that the senators from the 1800s would be Democrats, and those of us from the North know that New England Republicans are really just fiscally conservative Democrats.

The latest two African-American Senators, Carol Moseley Braun and Barack Obama, were true-blue Democrats and stellar leaders for the party.

Unfortunately, under-representation of minorities does not end with the federal government. Look around our campus and that much is obvious. In the classroom, many of our

classes focus on minority issues; the English department requires a class specifically about historically marginalized people.

Despite this academic sensitivity, diversity does not fully translate to the campus at large. The Mary Washington Young Democrats would like to invite dialogue with other minorities in the community in order to further the goals we have in common.

A'shanti-Fayshel Gholar is a College Democrat and the author of an article entitled "Voices of a Generation: A Series in Black History Essays" that is reprinted on www.Democrats.org.

Gholar wrote, "It may have been the Republican Party of Lincoln that freed the slaves, but it is today's Democratic Party that seeks to maintain the rights and enfranchisement of African-Americans."

The Democratic Party is still the party demanding progress on the issues that matter most in the day to day lives of minority communities.

We are the party of education, affirmative action and welfare for all citizens. With leaders like Barack Obama to carry the torch for the Civil Rights legacy, the Democratic Party will continue to embrace minority rights.

Sophomore Colin Biddle is the Issues Chair of the Mary Washington Young Democrats; Junior Vanessa Macoy is the Affirmative Action Chair.



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Underneath the amphitheater behind Lee Hall, there is a little door. What's behind it? Is it a bomb shelter?

We weren't entirely sure what this was either, so we took a look. There's a little door on the left-hand side of the amphitheater, if you're facing Sunken Road.

As for what's behind the sinister-looking entrance, we checked out your question with a couple of people.

First, we consulted John Wiltenmuth, vice president for facilities services and a permanent Tait & Teller guest star, about what was up with the door down below.

He told us the campus locksmith uses it for miscellaneous storage purposes, and guessed that it was a changing room when the amphitheater was used.

Then, Police Chief James Snipes offered to take us on a tour of the room.

While following Snipes down a slime-covered brick walkway, both Tait & Teller almost lost their footing and fell into the babbling brook below.

After fiddling with four key rings, Snipes found the right key and let us in the room.

We might add that he pumped his fist into the air when he found the correct key after only three tries, but we wouldn't want to embarrass him.

The door creaked open to reveal a vampire's wildest dreams.

Bottom line: It's nothing special, it's a dark room filled with old doorknobs and useless rubbish.

Oh, and remember the steam tunnels we wrote about in one of the first Tait & Tellers?

Snipes tried to show us what they looked like as well.

Ironically, he couldn't find the key.

Katie Teller and Stephanie Tait are *The Bulletin's* news editors.

Corrections

The Feb. 16 article in *The Bulletin*, "Unused Meals Benefit University," "gross revenue" was misrepresented as "profit." The University pays Sodexho on a per day basis. This amount is paid regardless of whether or not a student uses a meal on a given day. The University does not make a profit when meals go unused. Whether or not a student uses all of the meals on the plan has no effect on UMW's payment to Sodexho.

UMW Students Scammed

Telemarketers Solicit Students For Magazine Subscriptions

By DYLAN TUCCIO
Staff Writer

University of Mary Washington students have been the victims of an alleged telemarketing scam.

A campus-wide e-mail sent out by the

Office of Student Affairs warned students of high-pressure telemarketers selling magazines and refusing to cancel orders. The organization named was the International Readers League (IRL).

Bernard Chirico, vice president of student affairs, sent out the e-mail in order to give students warning.

"Part of our job is to keep this stuff from happening," Chirico said.

Chirico had gotten a call from the parent, he said, whose child had been deceived by the International Readers League into buying magazines and then wasn't allowed a subsequent cancellation.

"They kept pressing the issue," Chirico said.

How do such organizations obtain student numbers? Chirico said student's residence hall phone numbers are technically public, though he doubted the University would hand them out to any company asking.

According to the UMW handbook, which follows the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), "the University may release 'Directory Information' such as 'a student's name, addresses, telephone numbers, class level, names of parents, physical factors,' and so on. The handbook does not specify whether the University would be obligated to release such information."

Chirico said it is not hard to obtain the

information and refrained from releasing the name of the student affected.

When those affected by the scam attempted to be contacted by the company, they ran into home answering machines and rude operators.

According to an IRL branch manager in Georgia branch manager, they had gotten various complaints, one from the Attorney General.

However, he said that his particular branch had nothing to do with the apparent scandal and that the IRL was something like a franchise.

Other International Readers League branches said they knew nothing of the alleged scams.

Honor Change Vote Passes

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to reach as many students as possible and hopefully increase turnout," Chirico said.

"Last spring a mere 180 students voted on Honor Council amendments and this semester the number was close to 1,200," said senior Honor Council president, BJ Huff.

Honor Council members recognized the importance of having this vote put to students.

"Despite varying views about yes or no on the Council, we felt students had a right to vote," Huff said. "It is their Honor System and they deserve to have an input on how it operates."

Other Honor Council members saw areas of the voting process that could have used some improvement.

"If I could change anything, I would have made more time for education so that we could have reached more students before the voting time," said Honor Council vice president, Courtney Hopkins.

For some students who did not vote, increased education would have proven to be helpful.

"I didn't vote because I didn't take the time to know what the vote was on and didn't see any reason to vote," said sophomore Ann Nelson.

Her solution to a lack of student voting was more information.

"I think there should have been more opportunities to read up on what was being amended through more posters, e-mails, and professors talking," Nelson said.

Other students felt very passionate about the subject matter and readily cast their votes. For some, however, the results were less than favorable.

"I think that it was the wrong move because it sends the wrong message about the value of our Honor system here at Mary Washington," said junior Andrew Lamar.

Lamar thinks the Honor System has been compromised.

"This move means that a student body actually living with honor and integrity is less important at UMW than it is for those who lie, cheat, or steal to be able to apply for a job and claim to be people of integrity anyway," Lamar said.

Other students disagree and believe that the decision to accept the amendments was a positive one.

"Permanent records shouldn't be full of little mistakes you made when you were an undergrad; I think that by the time you graduate you've grown up enough to have some sanctions cleared from your record," said sophomore Karen Pegnato.

Pegnato does not believe the strength of the Honor Code is at risk.

"I believe people will still be held to a high standard," she said.

Mary Washington is still stricter in relation to other Virginia institutions with these new amendments.

According to the College of William & Mary's student handbook, only permanent dismissal is noted on the student's permanent record. Sanctions for contingent dismissal and suspension are removed after the completion of the punishment.

Virginia Tech's six-sanction Honor

Constitution makes no note as to the effects on the permanent record and half of their sanctions are merely increased increments of university service hours.

Though Mary Washington students

overwhelmingly decided in favor of the amendments with 70 percent of those who voted voting "yes," the process is not yet over.

Although a resolution has not yet been reached, Albertine shared her opinion about the amendment process.

"I was very impressed by the way the Honor Council handled the process in getting information on the changes out to as many students as possible on both

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campuses," she said.

Chirico was pleased as well.

"Regardless of the outcome, it's a bit of a historical moment in the life of UMW, indicating we have a vibrant community interested in its own future," he said.

Professor Memorialized in Ceremony

Students, Faculty Remember Professor Adera

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area where less than 1 percent of the population were literate. The family moved into town and for the first time, education was possible. Through perseverance and encouragement from

his father, and despite a three-year stint in an Ethiopian prison where he was almost executed, Tadesse went through school, eventually gaining his Ph.D. Tilahun also extended thanks for the "outpouring of love and care" the family has received since Adera's passing.

He stated that they were "not in despair" and instead quoted the psalmist David when he said "We will return to him but he will not return to us." He then expressed hope of seeing Tadesse "in glory."

Following his brother's remembrance came a reading of Adera's poetry. Three of his original poems were read, first in Amharic and

then in English. A translated poem was also read.

After the poetry reading, a time of personal reflections and reminiscences began. Several colleagues came forward and shared stories of their interactions with Adera.

Connie Smith read an e-mail Adera had received from a former student that said, "I was fortunate enough to have you as a professor...you and that class had a profound effect on my life."

Steve Watkins, advisor to *The Bulletin*, said, "No one I know...enjoyed teaching as much as Tadesse."

After his colleagues spoke, there was an open time for other people to share their

remembrances. The ceremony concluded with the hymn "Amazing Grace."

As colleague Christina Kakava eloquently put it, "Tadesse did not choose to leave us and we didn't choose to lose him, but we can choose to remember him."

The service did just that.

Among them were Mehdi Amirazavi, of the department of classics, philosophy and religion; Ameta Vashee Rajagopal, of the director of the James Farmer Multicultural Center; and Connie Smith, Steve Watkins, Christina Kakava, Judith Parker and Claudia Emerson, all from the department of English, linguistics and speech.

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Editorial SGA: Silent Government Association?

With one of the largest budgets on campus and a president who reports directly to the Board of Visitors, the Student Government Association serves as the main representative body for students at the University.

Unfortunately, the SGA has a serious problem conducting business in an open manner.

Members of the SGA executive board unanimously decided to cancel nearly all elections after complaints about campaign advertising were reported to an elections committee.

While the executive board was fully within its rights according to the SGA constitution, the midnight discussion and subsequent agreement by members to remain silent about proceedings is highly disturbing.

The candidates, press and the rest of the student body were not made aware that such proceedings would take place.

Closing the doors to candidates and other students sends the message that SGA members do not answer to the student body, but only to themselves.

Not to mention, such a move is technically illegal.

The Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) clearly states that there are highly specific exemptions under which public bodies can close meetings.

The term "public body" is defined as any legislative or authoritative body in the Commonwealth supported wholly or principally by public funds.

The SGA, which exists at a publically funded institution is both elected and supported by public funds.

It is also detrimental to the SGA's reputation to have such meetings because it makes individuals appear as if they have something to hide.

The executive cabinet and all members of the SGA need to realize that when they conduct business in an open and public manner, it is harder for people to question their motives.

It is harder to defend decisions made behind closed doors simply because secrecy inherently heightens suspicions.

Anyone who thinks their reputation will be threatened or actions questioned by having open proceedings, should not be in the business of representation.

Politics is a necessary part of legislating and disagreements over all forms of government action are what makes a democracy strong.

The purpose of the SGA is to represent students and their concerns.

A great disservice was done to the election candidates and students who are now suspicious of the executive cabinet's motivations.

It would behoove the winner of the forthcoming presidential elections to make all meetings, minutes and other proceedings of the SGA open to the Mary Washington community.

Outside of this campus there are laws that all citizens must abide by. It is time the SGA look past its own constitution to actual legal precedents in order to make legitimate decisions in the future.

Dry-Erase Disrespect

Student Encounters Hate Message on Whiteboard

By ANTHONY DIRENZO
Guest Columnist

I have always been a fan of respect. I do my best to respect everyone. I treat people the way in which I would want to be treated. I was raised, as I believe everyone was, with a strong belief in playing nicely. Unfortunately, sometimes communication breaks down and hospitality gets thrown out. This is one of those cases.

At 11:30 on Sunday morning, I was doing my "Good morning, want to get brunch?" rounds on the second floor of Alvey Hall. I got back to my door and noticed that a message had been left on my whiteboard: "You are so gay. Get laid sometime."

I had immediate feelings of anger and sadness, because I know that the use of the word "gay" on this particular occasion was malicious. This message, to me, constituted hate and sexual harassment.

Who would write this? Even if someone did have a problem with my sexual orientation, I would hope that they would have the tact to just not approach me.

I informed a few friends of the situation and took a picture of my whiteboard. I approached the head resident about this and she was most anxious to help me out. At this point, I regained confidence that society might not be going to hell in a hand basket.

I was instructed to take my camera to the campus police station. A friend of mine walked me there because I was still very angry and having someone with me calmed me down a lot.

I walked into the police vestibule and a very nice officer told me to go downstairs and see the sergeant. I took the elevator to the bottom level of Lee Hall and found that office.

Here's how the conversation should have gone:

"Hi, my name is Anthony DiRenzo. My HR called earlier about a hate message written on my whiteboard."

"Please, have a seat, the sergeant would respond."

"Thank you." I would then show the sergeant the picture on my camera. "To me, this is potentially a hate crime with sexual harassment."

"Well, it's not written on anything permanent, so it's not a criminal offense, but it does constitute a civil offense. Let's see what we can do..."

What actually happened was less than satisfactory. I was met with short answers after describing the incident, and was offered a seat only to have a Virginia law book put in front of me with the stern demand, "Show me where this is a crime."

I looked at the book and it might have well have been written in binary code. I informed the sergeant that I do not know anything about law books and, absolutely offended by his lack of assistance, slammed it and left his office.

Upon drying my tears, I walked back to Alvey and informed my HR of the incident. She apologized to me on behalf of the University, and it made me feel a little better to know that some people will not tolerate such unhelpfulness.

About an hour later, as I was researching Virginia law codes online, my phone rang. I picked up the phone and the same nice officer who I first encountered greeted me.

He explained that my complaint was a civil offense and not a criminal offense. He offered me the sergeant's extension because he wanted to explain in detail the difference.

I apologized and told him that I was researching Virginia's laws and would not be contacting the sergeant.

The writings on my whiteboard were the first incident of hate I have encountered.

I pay tuition to this school; heck, I pay out-of-state tuition to this school.

I was less than satisfied with the results of my asking for help from people who are paid to serve

and protect us.

I'm just asking for everyone at this school to stop for a minute and remember one of the first things we were told as children: "Play nicely."

Those two words could solve the world's problems if we just treated others as we want to be treated.

Anthony DiRenzo is a freshman.



Democrats Celebrate Black History Month

By COLIN BIDDLE
AND VANESSA MACOY
Guest Columnists

While reflecting on Black History Month, Colin and I, two white kids and members of the Mary Washington Young Democrats, would like to honor the contributions of communities of color to the Democratic Party.

In the last 50 years, the Democratic Party has emerged as an advocate of minority rights and has answered the cries for change from African-American leaders to become the party of diversity.

Dr. Carter G. Woodson was the first person to acknowledge the rich history of African-Americans when he started "Negro History Week" in 1926. Woodson was only the second person of color to receive a PhD from Harvard.

Throughout his career he was a strong proponent of both civil rights and education. These are exactly the goals the Democratic Party continues to strive for.

In 1948, Jackie Robinson was breaking the color barrier in baseball. In the same year, President Truman appointed the Presidential Committee on Civil Rights, which called for "elimination of segregation based on race, color, creed or national origin from American life."

Truman was the first Democrat, and the first president since Lincoln, to take a progressive stand on civil rights.

John F. Kennedy first promoted Thurgood Marshall to a federal position in 1962. When

Lyndon Johnson ascended to the Presidency, he appointed Marshall as the first person of color to the Supreme Court.

From Brown vs. Board of Education to hundreds of decisions upheld by the Supreme Court, Marshall's legal career drastically changed American society, and his constitutional scholarship is widely recognized.

Just four days after Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination, Democratic Representative John Conyers of Michigan was the first legislator to recommend MLK Day to recognize King's leadership and sacrifice.

Despite Conyers's expediency, it took 15 years to pass.

Despite the accomplishments of such great African-American leaders, racism remains an implicit part of the system.

It is hard to believe, but as of the 109th Congress, only five African-Americans have served as United States senators. Of those, two carried out their terms in the 19th Century and one was a Republican from Massachusetts.

In modern terms, it seems likely that the senators from the 1800s would be Democrats, and those of us from the North know that New England Republicans are really just fiscally conservative Democrats.

The latest two African-American Senators, Carol Moseley Braun and Barack Obama, were true-blue Democrats and stellar leaders for the party.

Unfortunately, under-representation of minorities does not end with the federal government. Look around our campus and that much is obvious. In the classroom, many of our

classes focus on minority issues; the English department requires a class specifically about historically marginalized people.

Despite this academic sensitivity, diversity does not fully translate to the campus at large. The Mary Washington Young Democrats would like to invite dialogue with other minorities in the community in order to further the goals we have in common.

A'shanti-Fayshel Gholar is a College Democrat and the author of an article entitled "Voices of a Generation: A Series in Black History Essays" that is reprinted on www.Democrats.org.

Gholar wrote, "It may have been the Republican Party of Lincoln that freed the slaves, but it is today's Democratic Party that seeks to maintain the rights and enfranchisement of African-Americans."

The Democratic Party is still the party demanding progress on the issues that matter most in the day to day lives of minority communities.

We are the party of education, affirmative action and welfare for all citizens. With leaders like Barack Obama to carry the torch for the Civil Rights legacy, the Democratic Party will continue to embrace minority rights.

Sophomore Colin Biddle is the Issues Chair of the Mary Washington Young Democrats; Junior Vanessa Macoy is the Affirmative Action Chair.



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Truths About Tanning

By KATIE MOLINARO
Staff Writer

As snow swirled down outside, Claire and her friends, University of Mary Washington freshman who asked that they not be identified for this article, stayed warm inside, drinking and socializing. Suddenly, one of Claire's friends told her she appeared a little too warm - her face was bright red.

"I said, 'Yeah, it gets red when I'm drinking,' but then I went into the bathroom and my forehead was polka-dotted!" Claire said.

Earlier that day Claire visited a tanning salon and even though she only tanned for ten minutes and covered up her face for most of the time, she assumes that the ultraviolet (UV) rays were the reason for her discolored skin.

The trace of tan lines from the goggles that tanners wear in the beds to protect their eyes was another clue.

Claire is not alone in her pursuit for a golden glow.

According to the International Smart Tan Network, the trade association for indoor tanning salons, approximately 30 million North Americans use indoor tanning facilities at some point in the year.

Scott Williams, owner of Tan-D-Monium, which has three locations in Fredericksburg, said that February through May is the most popular season during which the number of clients increases from about 80 to 400 a day.

Claire began tanning at the beginning of this month so that she could establish a base tan before she exposes her skin to the sun in Florida, where she is vacationing during spring break.

Sarah, a UMW senior, has also been frequenting a tanning bed in preparation for her spring break trip to the Dominican Republic. Sarah is new to indoor tanning, and hopes that her sessions at Apollo Tanning will be enough to prevent a sunburn once she is on vacation.

It is possible to get sunburned in the tanning beds, however.

Customers lie down on a Plexiglas surface as lights from above and below emit UV rays.

Williams said his employees give newcomers recommendations for how many minutes they should spend in the beds, usually beginning with ten minutes for the first few sessions.

"A lot of times it's the procrastinating prom-goers who get sunburned," he said, explaining that these tanners often come a few days before prom and attempt to get a dark tan in just two or three visits when it normally takes 10 to 15 visits.

Many tanning salons offer packages for customers to ensure they return for multiple tanning sessions. Tan-D-Monium's most popular package is the one month of unlimited tanning for \$50. A single visit, without a package, costs \$8. Apollo Tanning offers a \$21 package for 100 minutes that can be used any time over the course of a year. For one dollar extra, clients can use the Cosmos beds, which are a little roomier. Clients do not make appointments.

Sophomore Kate, who works at Apollo Tanning, tans one day a week for 15 minutes in the winter and two days a week for 15 minutes in the spring. In the summer, she works at a pool and gets her tan from the sun. When Kate began working at Apollo as a freshman she worked a four-hour shift a week in exchange for free tanning. She now works for a paycheck.

Kate said she and her co-workers sometimes have to ask

clients to close the door to the room in which they are tanning, especially if they are tanning naked, a common practice at tanning salons.

According to Kate, whose job includes washing the towels that clients must use to disinfect the beds after use, tanners are not just females in college. Many of her clients are middle-age men and women.

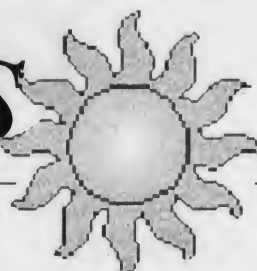
Even with the current popularity of pseudo tans, there are dangers associated with any extended exposure to UV rays.

Michael Stevens, a dermatologist with Fredericksburg Dermatological Associates, listed three main problems that can result from tanning.

Tanning increases the risk of cancers and pre-cancers, can exacerbate diseases such as lupus and herpes simplex, and can also cause premature skin aging.

Every sunburn increases the risk of the three types of skin cancer, which are basal cell carcinoma, squamous cell carcinoma, and the most dangerous, melanoma.

Stevens explained that there are different lengths of UV rays. Natural sunlight is a combination of them all, while tanning beds use the longest wavelength. This wavelength penetrates to the third layer of skin, the dermis, and is responsible for premature skin aging. It can also make cells more susceptible to natural sun damage.



"I defy you to sit outside of a tanning parlor and look at the people who come out. You'll see people who are old prunes, old leather bags," Stevens said.

Premature skin aging is a main concern of Sarah's, and a reason she does not want to continue tanning after her spring break trip. On her first visit to Apollo she had second thoughts after seeing Pam Minter, the woman who was working the front desk.

"Her skin is like leather. In fact I can't think of a better candidate for an advertisement informing the risks of tanning," Sarah said. "I would have to say that I was very sketched out by the whole tanning process when I went in the first day and she was behind the desk."

Kate also knows the risks of tanning but admits that she cannot stop. Skin cancer runs in her family, and she had a spot removed from her skin over this past summer that came back positive for cancer cells.

"Tanning works its way into your life and slowly grasps hold of you," Kate said. "I wish I could stop, but I hate the way I look when I am not tan. I hate going to the tanning salon and I do not like feeling all hot and sweaty in there, but I crave the outcome."

Williams, whose rose cheeks reveal a recent tanning session, likes to remind people that moderation is the key to safe tanning, and that exposure to the sun or to artificial sunlight is an important source of vitamin D.

"It would be like saying that since water causes drowning, humans should avoid all water. Yes, water causes drowning, but our bodies also need water. We would die without it," he said.

Stevens does not agree with that motto, adding that he thinks societal pressure to look a certain way is what drives people to tan.

"The only good thing I can say about the tanning salons is that they keep us in business," Stevens said.

An alternative to UV ray tanning is Mystic tanning, a procedure Stevens recommends to his

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Intramural Basketball Heats Up Goolrick

By LIZ PHELPS
Staff Writer

Trash talk is everywhere.

For the University of Mary Washington's intramural basketball teams, the jabs and barbs that commonly occur between opposing teammates is not confined to the gym or even amongst rivals. Instead, it is found everywhere: from the players and referees, between friends and on the court, and even at campus recreation meetings.

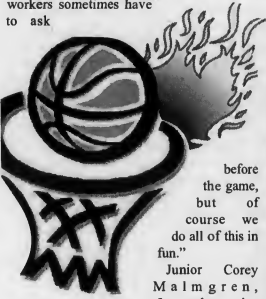
"There is a ton, and the refs usually trash talk the same amount back," said junior Bob Carrico. "You could honestly watch for five minutes and probably see a good sampling of it."

Students will have plenty of opportunities to see the action for themselves over the next week as campus recreation attempts to finish the season before spring break.

According to John MacDonald, director of campus recreation, there are 45 teams—around 400 people—involved in intramural basketball.

According to MacDonald, there are rarely incidents where students act inappropriately and most students engage in friendly rivalries.

"I am not sure that we have any rivalries in particular," said junior Whitney Jordan, member of the Killers team. "But I know when we play other teams with some of our friends on them we play a little harder and there is a lot more talk



teammate, described Jordan's playing at a recent game.

"We were playing Colin's Cracker Squad and they got a little aggressive so Whitney Jordan decided to take it into her own hands and started elbowing Colin, a player of the opposing team, in the ribs," Malmgren said. "Two days later her elbows were black and blue and swollen. She still has the battle wounds."

Basketball is the most popular intramural sport at the University, having 20 more teams than volleyball, soccer, or football. Carrico has been on essentially the same team for the past three years.

"We are basically the same team that represented the first floor of Alvey our freshman year," he said.

According to senior Eric Dearborn, a referee and player, this is one of the most common ways for teams to form.

"It's a cool way for freshmen to get to know each other," Dearborn said.

There are two common ways that teams form—people knowing one another or living in the same residence hall and "free agents" who fill in for teams that need players.

Jordan's team, the Killers, is a group of friends that decided well in advance that they would play together.



Daniel Ceo/Bullet

Junior Eric Fitzgerald, on the ATM intramural basketball team, shoots a ball in a recent game versus the Sharrod Ford team.

"We all knew before the intramural basketball season began that we wanted to play, even though not everyone on the team has experience," Jordan said. "We thought that it would be fun."

There are three levels of competition in intramural basketball—highly competitive, competitive, and recreation leagues.



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Life After UMW

By JESSICA SIMON
Staff Writer

At a time in the semester when grades are on students' minds, University of Mary Washington's career services is reminding students how to apply these grades to their futures.

The Employer Fair will be held today from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. at the Stafford campus lobby area.

According to UMW Career Services Director Gary Johnson, there will be around 30 organizations available for students to speak with, such as Aerotek, Mediacorp Health Systems, and Sapphire Technologies. The fair is open to all students but is geared more toward the upper classmen.

"Some of the companies do not return year after year," Johnson said. "So it is always a good idea for the underclassmen to come."

The second half of the UMW career services calendar for the spring semester has already offered several quick and easy opportunities for students to look ahead to the future.

On Feb. 15, alumnus Bill Winkler, a human resource professional with technical service company Geologics Corporation, performed mock interviews with students and offered them feedback.

According to Johnson, the interviews took between 45 minutes to an hour and the option of having the interview videotaped was offered. Winkler will return again on Apr. 6 from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Stafford campus for another round of mock interviews.

Kristie Woodside, a member of Geico's human resources and recruiting team, reviewed student resumes on Feb. 21 at the Stafford campus conference room. Woodside looked over each student's resume and suggested changes to be made.

Today's employer fair will be very similar to the career day held last semester. Students will be able to walk up to the tables and talk to employers. There will be some internship opportunities, but most of the companies will be seeking full-time employees, according to Johnson.

The employer fair is free and no sign-ups are necessary. Career services also plans on running a round trip shuttle service from George Washington Hall to the fair at the Stafford campus at 3:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., and 5:30 p.m.

For those students interested in teaching and will be in the area over spring break, the Education Job Fair will be held on Mar. 7 in the Woodard Campus Center of Great Hall from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. This event is for students interested in working in public schools, but is not limited to education majors. According to Johnson, most of the area school systems from Fredericksburg, Richmond, and Northern Virginia will be in attendance, as well as organizations such as the Southern Teacher's Association and Teach in Virginia.

"The schools coming are beyond local," Johnson said. "But they aren't exactly coming from California."

These services are for information instead of practice and are done as group instead of one on one. Each will be run by a career services staff member and will be held in the career services resource library. Students should call career services to sign up for these workshops, but all students will be allowed into each session.

"We try not to turn anybody away," Johnson said. "If the room that we are in fills up then we will find a bigger one. We love that problem!"

On Apr. 1, career services will set up a practice testing session for the GRE's, MCAT's, and LSAT's. These practice tests will be distributed and scored by the testing

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Mar. 7: Interviewing Skills Workshop	4 p.m.-5 p.m.
Mar. 14: Resume Writing Workshop	4 p.m.-5 p.m.
Mar. 20: Internship Info. Session	5 p.m.-6 p.m.
Apr. 1: Practice Testing Session	
Apr. 6: Information Session for Life After UMW	

company Kaplan, but there will be no commitment to sign up for their test prep course.

Career Service's next seminar on Apr. 6 will be an information session for preparing for life after UMW.

"This will certainly be pressing on seniors, but it is open to anyone," Johnson said.

Gin Brockwell, an alumna from the class of '88 and an employee of All-State insurance, will discuss some of the basic things that students will need to know after they graduate.

Brockwell will discuss the basics of insurance, including how to choose an agent, company and health insurance.

She said she will dedicate most of her time to the students' questions, however.

"While I am an All-State agent, and my materials have the All-State logo on them, this is not a sales pitch," she said. "I have always believed that the basics of insurance should be taught with drivers ed."

All of the events on the career services calendar are free of charge and open to all students. Johnson also invites all students to take advantage of the newly added feature to the career services Web site "The Vault" which offers a free online career library with copies of books on career topics, employer information and message boards.

"If anything does not meet the needs of a student they should always schedule an appointment to meet with a staff member individually," Johnson said.

said. "I think mostly because I see gross tans on people and think it's unnatural."

Kate, on the other hand, is comfortable with her golden skin color and says a year round tan keeps her from wearing a lot of make-up.

"People know me as the tan girl and I don't care," Kate said. "I don't go outrageous with it and I am never that dark so, yes people have commented, but never in a negative way."

Kate believes there is a simple test to figure out if a person has tanned too much.

"If you look like a different race from tanning then you have gone too far," she said.

Regardless of the expense and potential health risks, fake tans are not going out of style anytime soon.

Claire plans to continue tanning even after her spring break trip.

"I've only been four times and I'm barely tan, but I feel so good about myself," she said. "You look so much better when you're tan, and when you know you look good you feel good."



Mystic tanning, an instant airbrush tanning process, is offered at Tan-D-Monium in Fredericksburg.

Senior Interns On Capitol Hill

By COREY BYERS
Associate Editor



Courtesy Corey Byers

Senior Corey Byers (right) interned last summer for congressman Barney Frank (D-MA).

It was my first day on the job last

summer as a congressional intern on Capitol Hill, and the first task they gave me was answering the phone. I was expecting calls from constituents in my boss's home district back in Massachusetts.

That turned out not to be the case. "Is it true that Barney Frank is operating work camps over in Iraq?" one early caller demanded to know.

I had no idea how to respond, which didn't make him happy.

"Answer my question, bitch," he snarled. Translation: Welcome to Washington.

I had had a lot of preconceptions of how serving as a congressional intern in Washington D.C. for the summer of 2005 would play out. Answering nasty phone calls hadn't been one of them. But since other interns wouldn't be showing up for another few weeks, the staff made sure I was well-acquainted with the office phone system. Generally interns sorted mail, typed legislative briefs, gave tours of the U.S. Capitol building and researched bills. I would have preferred any of those duties to this.

I promptly told the caller that the conversation was over and hung up. As it turned out, though, that nasty phone call—the first of what would turn out to be a daily barrage of hostile, and often obscene telephone encounters—was just the beginning of my summer-long crash course in the realities of life in the nation's capital.

Landing The Job

My congressman, Barney Frank, is a liberal Democrat who has served as the representative for the fourth congressional district of Massachusetts for 25 years. He is also openly gay.

People constantly ask how I was able to get a position on Capitol Hill and assume I had connections to someone in Frank's office. And half the people who ask about this also insist on making the same tired joke: "Well at least we know you didn't sleep with him to get that job." Ha. Ha. Ha.

Despite feeling insulted at the implication that I would have to sleep with someone to get any job, I laugh to be polite—like a good little politician.

As a junior and political science major at the University of Mary Washington, I had no campaign or legislative experience when I sent in my resume. A course in congressional politics had piqued my interest, and with editing and writing experience for *The Bulletin* on my resume I took a chance and applied. No one was more surprised than I was when BF, as they call him in the office, said yes.

Reality vs. Perception

The months were filled with two-hour train commutes between D.C. and Fredericksburg four to five times a week. Waking up at 6 a.m. and being in bed by 10 p.m. often left me too exhausted to party with friends.

While handling obscene phone calls on an almost daily basis was a challenge, the evacuation of the Rayburn House Office Building, where I worked, was memorable as well.

The surprise was that no one seemed worried when the alarms went off. Capitol police dogs sniffed all around the evacuated areas while thousands of staff members stood around chatting as if it were business as usual. Maybe it was. But it did seem odd that no one thought to herd us down the street and out of what could have been harm's way.

The other security joke of the summer was after the tragic incidents in London where subways were bombed by domestic terrorists. Americans probably assumed that Washington D.C. was on a higher security alert as a result.

On the day after the London bombings, though, I didn't see an increased number of police officers with bomb-sniffing dogs and M-16s. Once again, it was just business as usual. Terrorist threat you say? What terrorist threat?

Had I been inside the Capitol with a tour group when anything happened, I would have been responsible for leading them to safety zones and making sure they were given safety hoods to prevent them from inhaling biological or chemical substances. But I can't say I ever had much training in how to do any of this.

Fortunately, this never happened and it seemed as though Washington were turning out to be more hype than substance.

Breaking News: Just another Day At the Office

With an interest in journalism, I assumed congressional staffers would hang on every word about politics that was printed or broadcast in the media. This was a huge misconception.

Ruth Kineuven was a resident of Northern Virginia who, over the summer, was found to have hundreds of cats, both living and dead, all over her home. Police were alerted to the situation because her neighbors could smell the felines halfway down the block.

When the story hit the Washington Post, Frank's staff and the other interns couldn't get enough of it. The follow-up stories about this woman and her cats created much discussion around the office.

By the way the Post put every last detail of political wrangling on the front page, and reporters on television gave the inside scoop on what Washington insiders were talking about, you'd think all we ever talked about was politics, politics, politics. You would be wrong. While former Republican House Majority Leader Tom Delay was being grilled about potentially violating election laws, Kineuven's cats were the talk of our office.

Look Mom, I'm on TV

Had I known that I would end up on C-SPAN, I would have made sure to wear a matching suit jacket and pants every day.

Frank serves as a ranking member on the Financial Services Committee and I got the chance to hand out amendments on a bill during a televised bill mark-up session.

This committee reviews, edits and passes legislation regarding housing and financial services as well as banking, real estate and public housing initiatives.

From 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. I sat patiently, watching the Democratic and Republican members debate the bill. Luckily, I got 30 minutes to inhale a cup of coffee and a sandwich.

Committee members were respectful in how they spoke to members of the opposing parties, but you better believe they argued down to the last word on almost every page.

The process was time-consuming and mind-boggling. After reading the amendments I was handing out to members, I realized that everything was written in legal terms.

Had the bills not had a topic summary at the beginning of the documents, I would not have been able to understand the highly technical legal jargon. Laws in their basic form are very difficult to follow.

I am convinced that lawyers are running this country. But at least I got to make an appearance in front of those ubiquitous C-SPAN cameras—however brief.

Maybe Someday

One final memory, that I think was the best of all, was the time a staffer asked me to find out if the president's deputy chief of staff could be impeached.

I was a little hesitant when Pilar Falo, Frank's legislative assistant who handled judicial issues, gave me the assignment.

"Is this for a constituent letter?" I asked her.

I assumed the results of my research would simply be sent along to someone back in the district who had written a letter of inquiry on the topic; Frank's office received letters from constituents all the time requesting that he look into investigating and/or impeaching Karl Rove, the president's deputy chief of staff.

Her very serious answer was simple: "BF wants to know."

I was floored that an intern was being asked to go decipher congressional impeachment laws. In the end, the legal answer was unclear. I assume the information contained in my memo was forwarded to BF in some form or another.

By early August, Karl Rove wasn't impeached, the nasty phone calls were more amusing than scary, and the overall experience gave me a better idea of what I want to focus on.

While I'll actively pursue a career in political journalism, perhaps I will earn a law degree and assist in hashing out all the boring yet crucial details of congressional legislation.

Maybe I'll end up in a lobbying office trying to influence the government, the media and the American people. Either way, I know now that the pervasive stories on the news from "Washington insiders" about the nation's capital don't scratch the surface of how Congress really works.

I made sure to write Frank a thank-you card after my summer was over and let him know about my interest in journalism. A few weeks later, he wrote back and said he hoped to see me in my journalistic capacity on Capitol Hill.

When it comes to BF, the feeling is mutual.

A Tantastic Idea?

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clients. Similar to self-tanning lotions, Mystic is a stain made up of dihydroxyacetone, a carbohydrate compound, and aloe vera.

A client applies a cream to her hands and feet to keep the dye off of her palms and the soles of her feet, and she also dons eye protection and a cap to keep the dye out of her hair. She then enters a booth where the stain is misted evenly over her body for 28 seconds.

This process, offered at Tan-D-Monium and sometimes referred to as an airbrush tan, is more expensive than the tanning beds, costing \$24.99 per session. However, this is a better option for those who want an instant tan that lasts about a week.

Williams, who prefers a mix of UV and Mystic, explains that Mystic tans are as dark in one session as 10 or 15 sessions in the tanning beds.

Even though Mystic is simple and instant, Williams said that less than 10 percent of his clientele comes for Mystic. He blames the slew of bad self-tanning products in past years as well as an episode of "Friends" in which Ross had a negative experience with Mystic tanning.

While Kate has used self-tanning products at home, she has never gotten a Mystic tan, though some of her friends have.

"I have seen my friends do it and a warning to all: if you do not have a base tan you will end up looking like an oompaloompa," she said, referring to the dark orange color some people acquire.

Even with the popularity of artificial tanning, some tanners view it as a guilty secret.

"I do feel embarrassed about tanning," Sarah

To contact your U.S. Congressional office and find out about internship opportunities, visit: www.house.gov



Scene



Sophomore David Ryan Spry, junior Peter Larson, junior Jon Reynolds and freshman Bradley Cypher sing in "Forever Plaid."

"Forever Plaid" Leans Into Lackluster Show

By AMANDA RUSSELL
Staff Writer

Upon entering Klein Theatre last Friday, I had the impression that I had walked into a photograph of a 1950s doo-wop show. On the stage were four high-backed chairs flanked by a maroon curtain and an art deco arch. An old upright piano was sitting on the left of the stage, its seat waiting to be filled.

"Forever Plaid," the first show of the spring 2006 season at the University of Mary Washington's Klein Theatre, is the story of the reincarnation of the Plaids, four friends from high school who come together one more time to perform the perfect show.

Directed by Gregg Stull, chair of the department of theatre and dance, the show opens with the Plaids walking down the aisle, singing a Gregorian chant that just happens to end on a "shoo-bop."

The entire show is set up like a doo-wop concert, with a voice-over at the beginning telling the story of the unlucky group. On their way to their first big break, their car was hit by a group of teenage girls rushing to see The Beatles play on the Ed Sullivan Show. The Plaids were thrown into a 40-year time warp, stuck there until the planets were properly aligned for their homecoming.

The reason that they come back for one last

show is that by performing the show they never got to do will enable the group to go on to the sweet hereafter.

During their performance of "Heart and Soul," the group selects a random member of the audience to accompany the piano player on stage. After the song finishes, the lucky member is awarded honorary Plaid status. During another part of the show, the band dresses up in Spanish costume and tosses beach balls and leis out into the audience.

Some of the other songs that the group performs during the show are "Catch A Falling Star," originally sung by Perry Como; "Sixteen Tons," originally sung by Tennessee Ernie Ford; and "She Loves You," originally sung by The Beatles.

The four members of the Plaids were freshman Bradley Cypher as Francis; junior Jon Reynolds as Sparky; sophomore David Ryan Spry as Jinx and junior Peter Larson as Smudge.

The costuming for the show was done by Kevin McCluskey, assistant professor of theatre. The costumes were realistic looking and fit the show and its actors perfectly. The musicians, pianist Christopher Wingert and bassist sophomore Reggie Richards-Peelle, made the music of the show come alive.

It was very clear that the performers were musicians first and actors second. They sang very good renditions of classic songs and had

obviously all been well-trained. However, their voices alone were not enough to hold up the poorer parts of the show, namely the acting and the story itself. For example, how the Plaids are released from their time warp is never scientifically explained; the show cites only universal luck. Also, the voice-over exposition at the start of the play, though it is done in a very 1950s-era way, feels like a storytelling cop-out.

My perception of the show may have been heavily influenced by my age. "Plaid" is not a show that is aimed to entertain college students, as many of the references and jokes will most likely be lost on our age group. Many of the older people in the audience were laughing both heavily and frequently throughout the show. One segment of the show had the Plaids doing the Ed Sullivan Show in three minutes and 11 seconds. While this was funny, the older theater-goers enjoyed it much more than the younger.

"Forever Plaid"
Feb. 22-25, 8 p.m.
Feb. 25-26, 2 p.m.
\$20 Standard Admission
\$16 Students/ Senior
Citizens
\$8 Students With I.D.

"House" Harbors Sarcasm

Staff
Review



By RACHEL CHO
Staff Writer

As a bowl full of maggots was spilled onto the burnt body of the teenage boy, Dr. Cameron reassured the boys parents, "Maggots eat dead flesh, only dead flesh." Last week's episode of "House" was about a boy with third degree burns who was having mysterious seizures, while Dr. House himself spent his time in a migraine to prove his old college nemesis wrong.

"House" which is named after the main character, is about a brilliant but bitter diagnostician who spends his time solving unique and rare cases. He is a bitter and sarcastic man, who does not really care for his patients, but only for the reason why they are admitted into the hospital. He is easily recognizable in his casual dress and infamous cane. His sarcasm and wit show best in his speech, where he makes sure what he thinks is known, and he doesn't care how others feel. He is known to distance himself from other members of the staff with his caustic words and smacks of his cane.

Each episode concerns different symptoms, new patients, a variety of illnesses and diseases and a whole bunch of sarcastic wit. But the best part of the show is House himself. He has incredible intelligence in the field of medicine and his cynical humor makes the show all the more interesting. He solves the mystery of each disease with logical precision and carelessness for each patient.

House is supported by his staff, a group of young doctors who mentors. There is House's first underling, Foreman, who used to be a car thief. Then there's Cameron who tries to be the all-around good girl. She was also unfortunate to fall in love with House. Lastly is the Aussie, Chase, who carries the angst of being over-shadowed by his father. His father is a famous doctor in the medical field who has recently died of cancer. He also ends up being the butt of House's jokes. These three are normally seen following House around and acting like his sound board to solve these cases.

Last week's episode, "Distractions," was about a boy that had third degree burns over his body and had seizures. But medicine isn't the only drama in the show. At the same time, House was plotting his revenge against his college nemesis, Weber. House had stalked him for 20 years for this moment. To prove Weber wrong, House induces a migraine onto himself to say that Weber's medication doesn't work. It was amusing to see his staff scramble to make House's office as comfortable as possible.

This show is really a nice mix of "ER" and "CSI" because they work in a hospital and the methodology of how they solve each case. The medical cases and all the drama between the members of the staff is what makes "House" such a thought-provoking and entertaining show. "House" is definitely not for the faint of heart or mind, but those that can take it should watch the show on Tuesdays on Fox at 9 p.m.

"Variegated" Reflects UMW Culture

By JOHN SHERIDAN
Staff Writer

No one left the gallery Friday night without the "Chicken Song" stuck firmly in their head. It made you smile when you walked in the door, like something amusing was about to happen, but then you were captivated by the visual array of artwork, and the song left you alone. It was almost a persuasion that filled the air, picking at your attention and luring you forward.

Thus was the fascination that all present for the opening reception of the Variegated Reflections senior art exhibit experienced in the duPont Gallery on Feb. 17. The exhibition will remain in duPont through Feb. 26.

Frank Altamirano, Adoracion Caliboso, Rosanna Rodriguez, Meredith Donaldson, Elizabeth Feldman, Lindsay Jones, Angela Keller-Johnston, Annie Pascoe, Laura Rawlett, Jessica

Schmitt and Gina Vitale all displayed their creations to the public. Pieces ranged from stoneware ceramics to collagraph print, and many in-between. The artists established their individual identities with their style and theme of art.

Frank Altamirano's work is varied, consisting of a ceramic piece and an oil-on-canvas self portrait titled "Where I Am" among others.

"As a tool for creating work, I utilize an event or image experienced from my life as a muse," Altamirano said in his artist statement. "Although the initial image is there only in essence, the product, which is my work, has become a visual recreation of experiences and events in my life."

Adoracion Caliboso deals largely with patterns in art and woven fabric. One piece titled "Rose Boutonnieres" is actually painted onto the gallery wall, with actual tiny rose boutonnieres arranged in a pattern.

"When people view my textile pieces, paintings, sculpture, and artwork in general, I want them to be visually satisfied and to weave their own interpretation into the metaphors I may or may not have intended," Caliboso said in an artist statement.

Rosanna Dominguez's art includes a self-portrait of sorts that explores the relationship of color and emotion titled "Component Features."

"Creating artwork is a way of expressing myself," Dominguez said in an artist statement. "Although the subject matter of my work is not always obvious, the work itself is an outlet for my most private feelings and desires."

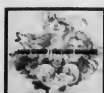
Meredith Donaldson themes her work around the Caribbean culture and includes many stoneware ceramics pieces.

"By investigating and juxtaposing my

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New CDs This Week

1. Arctic Monkeys: "Whatever People Say I Am, That's What I Am Not"
2. Arab Strap: "Last Romance"
3. Eels: "With Strings: Live at Fown Hall"
4. The Lashes: "Get It"

All CD release dates were Feb. 21, 2006.

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Top 3 Movies

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1. "Eight Below"



2. "Date Movie"



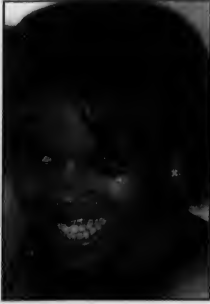
3. "Pink Panther"

What Do You Think Of Curling In The Olympics?

Hayley Amey/Bullet



"My friends and I have actually started following it, and we're really excited the U. S. is finally getting some curling representation."
—Brian Thaler, Freshman



"Curling is an interesting sport. I mean, any sport that uses brooms and balls as their primary tools is okay by me."
—Latera Jenkins, Sophomore



"It's kind of pointless, like having chess as a sport."
—Dahlia Nelson, Junior



"I know it's an Olympic sport and the Canadians like it, but that's about it."
—Jenna Rosenberger, Sophomore



"Curling is basically shuffleboard on ice, and shuffleboard isn't a sport."
—Trevor Daubenspeck, Sophomore

Bullet Hits: A Bullet Writer's Top Five Picks

This Week: Top Five Reasons The Oscars Might Not Suck This Year

By ANDY DRAKE
Staff Writer

Remember when "Chicago" beat out "The Hours" and "Gangs of New York" for the best picture award? How about when "Lord of the Rings" won out against the brilliant yet under appreciated "American Splendor" for adapted screenplay? That's right kids, it's Oscar season again which means it is time to make your predictions and hope against hope that this year's winners aren't another massive letdown. The list of undeserving Oscar victories goes on and on but there may be light at the end of the tunnel. Here are the top five reasons to give the Oscars one more chance.

1. Jon Stewart

Forget about Billy Crystal, Bob Hope and Johnny Carson, no one living or dead is better suited to host the Oscars than Jon Stewart. He has been drawing audience members from both sides of the political fence for years with his witty and pointed political satire on Comedy Central's "The Daily Show." Fans of the show know that the best part often comes when Stewart rips on celebrities in his hilarious unscripted interviews. His improv abilities combined with his previous hosting experience at the Grammys makes Jon Stewart one of the main reasons to tune in.

2. Under-recognized stars get their comeuppance

This is a fantastic year for some of the best actors you've never heard of. You might remember Philip Seymour Hoffman as that weird guy from "Boogie Nights," or Felicity Huffman from the cult classic TV show "Sports Night," but chances are good you didn't know their names until now. Some of the best working actors these days seem to be perpetually stuck in under appreciated supporting roles, at least until now. Catherine Keener, Matt Dillon, Paul Giamatti, David Strathairn and Terrence Howard are all fantastic actors who up until now have been universally ignored by the Academy. Regardless of whether they win or not, just seeing these people get recognized with nominations should give hope to Hasselhoff fans worldwide.

3. Rise of the teen stars

Go ahead and look again if you need to but trust me, you saw it right the first time. That's right, the stars of "10 Things I Hate About You," "The Day After Tomorrow," "Bend It Like Beckham," "Legally Blonde" and oh yeah, "Dawson's Creek" are all nominated for acting this year. Usually there are one or two breakout performances by teen stars each year but rarely have they been so prevalent as over the last year. What's even scarier is the fact that they all actually deserve their nominations.

If Mischa Barton ever gets nominated for an Oscar I want someone to kill me...seriously.

4. No Disney/Pixar in the animated feature category

Listen, I liked "The Incredibles" just as much as the next guy, but I know I'm not the only one sick of Disney cleaning up the animation category year after year with boring musicals and fancy computer animated fish. Let's face it, "Brother Bear," "Treasure Planet" and "Lilo & Stitch" were awful and in no way shape or form deserved their Oscar nominations. The Academy needs to stop rewarding Disney for producing these steaming piles and start nominating projects that help further the medium. This year's three films seem to be a step in the right direction. "Wallace and Gromit" and the "Corpse Bride" both combine brilliant technology with charming stories to make truly excellent animated films. But don't count out "Howl's Moving Castle," Hayao Miyazaki's follow-up to "Spirited Away." Not even a Phil Collins soundtrack could improve these three flicks.

5. A whole new cast of characters

With a few notable exceptions (Steven Spielberg anyone?) almost all of this year's nominees are first timers. The lack of big name nominees like Clint Eastwood and Meryl Streep is going to give this year's Oscar night a very interesting dynamic. It's really anyone's game. This year nominees are definitely going to be the new people to watch in the film industry. And hey, if all else fails, the Barbara Walters interviews are always worth a chuckle or two.

Senior Art Show Illuminates duPont

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experience of North American culture and my experience of Caribbean culture, I seek to discover their likenesses and differences and combine them in my art," Donaldson said in an artist statement. "I want to emphasize a collaboration and meshing of cultures through my experiences of foreign cultures compared to that of my native North America."

Elizabeth Feldman explores the relationship between past and future with her work, which largely incorporates photography.

"Just as rural areas are changing to accommodate growth and development, my art must also reflect this fusing of old with new," Feldman said in an artist statement. "Each concept I have borrowed has been updated, as a way of preserving the traditions I endeavor while allowing them a place in our present society."

Lindsay Jones's work deals with the concept of memory, a stunning example being a massive portrait of oil on a sheet of vinyl titled "C. Woodrow."

"Through painting individuals as they are depicted in photographs, I provide tangible verification of a person's life as well as exploring the need for remaining in the lives of others through such imagery," Jones said in an artist statement. "Whether a form of self-indulgence or a means of lending identity and inheritance to future generations, the significance of a picture is constantly reinvented with each viewer."

Angela Keller-Johnston's work reflects the relationships people form to places and things in life, one of her most memorable pieces being a self-portrait of herself staring into the face of a child, titled "Self Portrait: A Reflection of Myself."

"My compositions range from recognizable narrative imagery of people all the way to the unrecognizable abstracted ideas," Keller-Johnston said in an artist statement. "All of my works can be tied into my desire to express life connections: such as the bond of a mother and a child or the relationship between a young boy and his dog."

Annie Pascoe creates, among other impressive works of art including an untitled watercolor monotype, a piece called "The Natural History of A Chicken." This pillar incorporates the sound of the "chicken song," the sight of chicken wire, and the movement of feathers being blown around a cage to make it seem life-like.

"In investigating the idea of energy and the organic, I become excited about how I can generate movement or the illusion of movement in my work," Pascoe said in an artist statement. "By combining materials in sometimes unusual ways, I create motion and organic textures."

Laura Rawlett's pieces consist of oil monotype collages, which explored fluidity and dynamics of color and pattern.

"The transformational process has become an integral part of my paintings over the course of my artistic career," Rawlett said in an artist statement. "With preconceived intentions of the development of the work, those ideas were quickly manipulated and discarded with continual modifications. The paintings have become detached from their original identities into manifestations of color and organic form."

Jessica Schmitt's pieces explore the physical aspects of art. One sculpture consists of three pedestals that exhibited a box of wrapped cellophane at different stages: one for sight, one for sound, and one for touch.

"As I searched for a common thread throughout my work, I found myself repeating the word layers," Schmitt said in an artist statement. "While in my sculpture this word can be used literally, it also becomes a metaphor as it does for my ceramics. There is layered cellophane which incited layered meaning and layered sensory reaction."

"My ceramics are not simply containers; they are personalities that challenge the tradition of ceramics. All of these layers represent my efforts to challenge the notion of the viewer's role. The viewer should not simply gaze upon a piece, they should be encouraged to interact with it, investigate it, and question it."

Gina Vitale's art mimics the form and flow of the natural world. Memorable was the work "Self



Hayley Amey/Bullet

Students discuss the works at the senior art show in duPont gallery.

Portrait," used vibrant green color and the relentless face of a child to create a feeling of vitality.

"Nature is a recurring theme in my work. I incorporate its curving, sweeping lines, mathematical patterns, and subtle details and textures in my work, in order to celebrate these things which so often go unseen," Vitale said in an artist statement.

The work of these eleven senior artists speaks for itself, each in the unique way of the individual creators. If art is a measure of a culture's success, see for yourself how successful the University of Mary Washington is thanks to its artists.

The exhibit Variegated Reflections will be in the duPont gallery until this Sunday, Feb. 26.



Rosa Parks Remembered

Memorial Highlights Civil Rights Leader's Lifetime

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we felt that black faculty and staff should do something to honor her," Corbett-Parker said.

Corbett-Parker, president of the Black Faculty/Staff Association, wanted the event to shed light on the reason why Parks refused to give up her seat on the bus that day in 1955.

Corbett-Parker said that many people learn in school that Parks stayed in her seat just because she was tired after a long day of work as a seamstress.

"They think that she'd just gotten off work and she was tired, but she was tired of segregation. She was tired of being told she had to give up a seat to a white person. She had been working

with NAACP for years. This was not just something that happened," Corbett-Parker said.

The Black Faculty/Staff Association picked active members of the Fredericksburg community to share their impressions on Parks's life and her contribution to history, as well as their own experiences during the Civil Rights Movement.

The Rev. Nathaniel Young, president of the Fredericksburg branch of the NAACP, spoke of the impact that Parks has had on future generations.

"It's the actions of Rosa Parks and the civil rights system that allowed us to raise our children in an atmosphere better than when we grew up," Young said.

His own three children graduated from MIT, the University of Richmond and medical school at the University of Virginia.

But the speakers at the event also stressed the need for black leaders to take a stand in the community today, instead of just remembering victories in the past.

"We don't see that the dream is still a dream, that the things that are necessary to make our people happy are still being swept under the rug,"

said panel member Lateefah Muhammad.

"The fight is not over and injustice is still alive in the lives of many of our people," Muhammad said, referring to the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

"We should not let Rosa Parks become the next cultural icon, the image on a coffee cup in the office. We should not let her just pop up on avenues and street signs in America because America is pleased with Rosa Parks, when there was a time when America was not pleased with Rosa Parks," Muhammad said.

Panel member Rev. Joseph Henderson, founder of the Bragg Hill Family Life Center in Fredericksburg, encouraged the audience to take the same stand Rosa did.

"We need to challenge the government, the establishment, so that all people will stand up and say that there is equality in the workplace, in the marketplace, and in the schoolyard," he said.

Henderson agreed.

"Today we do not need to sit down, we need to stand up. We can not take the back seat; we need to take the front seat," Henderson said.

"One person can move a nation, a community and change our society," he said.

Students Blog In Journals

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to express themselves to a select group of friends and for better or for worse to the world.

"It is a way to get to know what other people are thinking about," computer science professor Ernie Ackerman said.

LiveJournal is an online web log that provides users with the ability to record their thoughts journal style in a public online space at www.livejournal.com. However, unlike the standard paper journal kept hidden under a mattress, this journal is open to commentary from anyone who can access the Internet.

Last semester Ackerman taught a class on the Internet where one of the requirements for the class was that students maintain a web log, or blog. The class was structured this way for a variety of reasons.

"It's writing intensive and...I think blogs are interesting," Ackerman said.

He said afterward few of his students continue using the blogs at www.blogger.com to express their ideas.

"It's pretty much forced blogging for a while," he said.

Although Ackerman's not teaching the class this semester, he substituted one evening this semester for a colleague who is. He asked for a show of hands of the number of people who had used any kind of blog before. Three or four people raised their hands. Ackerman asked one of the students whether she still maintained her blog. She said, no.

"As one person said, when it gets to where no one is reading what other people are writing, you lose interest," Ackerman said.

The exact number of Mary Washington affiliated people who use live journal for its blogging capabilities is difficult to calculate.

Like anything on the internet, everything is optional and only two steps removed from being a complete fabrication. Roxi_hart03 and Opalite

are LiveJournal aliases for people who identified Mary Washington as their current college.

On an individual's user profile people can identify the schools that they have attended. Not everyone is as comfortable revealing identifying information about themselves as senior Rick Joyce.

"I don't hide the fact that I go to UMW," Joyce said.

Joyce is a political science major and has had his LiveJournal account for four years. He doesn't think of LiveJournal as a standard blog though, but something a little more.

"When I think of blogs I think of something a little less personal I suppose. I consider this an online journal," Joyce said.

He updates his journal almost daily with political commentary and anecdotes. These observations are publicly visible.

However, Joyce also takes advantage of the privacy feature of LiveJournal and locks entries that pertain to his personal life.

"I guess it's what you make it," Joyce said.

Mary Washington user Wishfuldragon puts entries in her LiveJournal to stay connected to her friends on campus while she studies abroad this semester.

On Jan. 30, she compared the classes there to the ones she had become used to here.

"Classes don't actually take place at the same time each day of the week, nor do they occur in the same room each day. CRAZYNESS!" Wishfuldragon posted.

Even alumni in the working world find the ability to stay connected useful.

Elizabeth Carter-Roth graduated in 2004 and still regularly updates the journal she started her freshman year at college.

Now, though, it also serves as a way for her to inform friends still at college as well as out in the real world what she has been up to.

"I originally got it when I went off to college to keep up with friends even when I didn't talk to them," she said.

Carter-Roth also said that occasionally she



uses LiveJournal to plan outings with her friends because it's more convenient that way.

"It saves me time, one post versus calling 20 people," she said. "It's also a way to gauge interest before trying to organize an event."

LiveJournal also serves as a social network in the broader scheme of things.

Several community bulletin boards exist on the Web site that are associated with and maintained by Mary Washington students. UMW_CCM is the Catholic Campus Ministry's LiveJournal community.

Junior Jess Duet, president of the CCM, said they use it to generate feedback about events as well as to share interesting articles about their faith.

"I think it's kind of cool to have the resource there if we need it," Duet said. "The LJ community is another way to contact people and is another good way to get the word out about something, especially for people like myself who check their LJ's as much as their e-mail."

When senior computer science and religion double major Annalisa Grimes was a freshman she saw a vacancy that needed filling.

Grimes created her LiveJournal in high school because she was bored.

Then, in July of 2002 before Grimes started college that fall she realized she still had questions that the school's Web site and her visits to campus hadn't answered.

Questions like, what was the real deal behind living in the residence halls and what exactly should a Mary Washington college student bring?

"I wanted people to answer my questions," she said. "It was for completely selfish purposes. No altruism whatsoever."

Grimes saw that many LiveJournal users had listed "MWC" among their interests on their profile pages, but that there weren't any forum style communities where Mary Washington students could all come together. So she made one.

"I noticed a smattering of people had 'Mary

Washington College' or 'mwc' or 'Mary Washington' listed [on their profiles]," Grimes said in her first post on July 13, 2002. "I also noticed the distinct lack of a community journal for all the lovely people who go there, went there, or who just happen to be fans of the place."

Since then the mwc community space has evolved from a way to answer the questions of incoming freshmen, to finding roommates and most recently as a message board for textbooks sales.

This retail transformation irritates Grimes, but she justifies the textbook postings to a different part of the Web site in order to reduce spamming in the community.

"I'm really kinda laissez faire about the whole thing," Grimes said.

Some people though don't have as much of a come-what-may attitude about what's visible on LiveJournal.

Junior Susannah Jackson started keeping a LiveJournal halfway through her freshman year because all of her friends had one and it seemed like fun.

However, her enjoyment in posting random things in her LiveJournal severely decreased when she started having problems with her then roommate.

Jackson said her roommate started publicly venting about their personal arguments knowing that Jackson would read it.

"It became one of the many things that she turned into a weapon against me," Jackson said. After several of her roommate's episodes of naming calling and insulting on LiveJournal, Jackson terminated her account entirely.

"I decided to take that weapon away from her," Jackson said. "Airing your dirty laundry in public, that's all it is."

She said occasionally she still reads her current roommate's journal as well as the journals of some of her friends.

"That's the part I like best about LiveJournal now is I can laugh at people I don't know and all of their pity party problems," Jackson said.

Elections To Be Held After Break

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Prior to making the decision to reschedule the elections, the SGA executive cabinet wrote a letter to the rules and procedures committee asking them to postpone the election for a number of reasons. These included the fact that all candidates did not receive a copy of senate bylaws at the beginning of campaigning, failure to act on candidate complaints and a need for clarification of election rules, said Frank Puleo, SGA president, at the meeting Tuesday night.

Some candidates for office had placed formal complaints to SGA executive cabinet members with concerns about election material

being tampered with and other violations of election rules, Puleo said.

The rules and procedures committee responded back to the executive cabinet, saying it would not delay the elections.

"We feel it would not be in the best interest of the candidates to postpone elections," the rules and procedures committee wrote in a letter signed by its five members.

"We thought it might be detrimental to elections," said T.R. Revella, co-chairman of the rules and procedures committee.

Tuesday night, the SGA's executive cabinet, with the exception of three members who were running for office, met in closed session to discuss the elections.

Grant Lahmann, SGA vice president, called for the closed session.

The vote to take power from the rules and procedures committee was split and Puleo broke the tie.

The ad hoc committee is headed by junior Tessa Merna; association of residence halls president; senior B-J Huff, honor council president; and senior Chad Chadborn, SGA treasurer. It is comprised of the SGA executive cabinet members who were not running for office.

"They understand the guidelines," Puleo said. "They are charged to do the exact same job, except seamlessly."

Revella said he was not happy with the executive cabinet's decision to take power away,

citing that the rules and procedures committee had dealt with candidate complaints quickly.

"Everything was going fine," he said. "We had voter info night, it went very nicely, we had the few problems, we contacted the candidates, we rectified the problems in less than 24 hours."

Cudahy said one of the biggest issues was the bylaws—and the fact that all candidates didn't receive them until Monday.

Revella responded, saying that the bylaws were read at all of the candidates' information sessions, and were e-mailed as soon as he received an electronic copy.

Revella also said he believed there was a political motivation involved on the part of the Cabinet. Puleo and Cudahy denied this.

Viewpoints

Sexclamations A Hairy Situation

By Editor in Chief Betsy Crumb and Staff Writer
Elz England, wanton sex goddesses



How many of you women out there have had a moment when it's getting all hot and heavy, the kisses are slowly moving down the neck, hands fumbling to unhook that bra, pants

unbuttoning, and then all of a sudden you remember: I haven't shaved in days.

You turn as red as the bra he just threw on the floor; you're mortified; you're wondering whether you should continue—even if it's a boyfriend of two years.

The door is only 13 feet away, he's had a lot to drink; we bet you could shuffle on back to your pad and shave before he even notices. But why should you?

Now have any of you men had this experience? We're guessing not. Yet how many of you have hairy chests and backs? Or even worse, butts?

Is it really fair for men to have expectations that women should be utterly smooth and stubbleless when their own body parts are sometimes gorilla-like?

Hair removal is an obsession in our society. Salons will wax anything from your eyebrows to your toes and everywhere the sun don't shine.

Everyone knows reading Playboy and watching online porn from a young age cultivates an unrealistic expectation of the female body. Specifically, no one is born with heart-shaped pubic hair.

Betsy and Elz aren't trying to preach off their soapboxes (or Betsy's anyway... Elz is the female chauvinist of the duo, she makes Betsy stay in the kitchen), but remember this is a double standard.

Guys, we know you like the landing strip, though there's a diplomatic way to discuss

this topic with your girlfriend.

We mean to say, if you're not willing to give ground, then don't even ask. If you can't deal with a bush, then chances are, women have objections to your shag carpet (and we're not talking about your bachelor pad, here).

Everyone has their fetishes, from feet to the four-leaf clover pubic design.

Just remember when discussing it with your partner—they may have very strong opinions.

For example, some (aka Betsy and Elz) find the new trend that leaves women completely bald down there awfully disturbing. Think about your attitude toward this; then think about your attitude toward pedophilia. Do they match? We just can't make sense of it.

Now don't get us wrong, we're not knocking the practice of ripping your hair out by its roots (at least one of us does this), but the important thing to think about while that scalding hot wax is cooling down, is why are you doing it?

If the answer is to look more attractive in preparation for future hook ups, then re-evaluate. If you feel like the Brazilian makes you look pre-pubescent, then for God's sake, stop wasting that \$50 every month.

But if deforestation honest-to-God makes you feel more comfortable, by all means, shave on. Still, make sure you're OK with broaching this subject with your partner, especially if you're the only one doing upkeep.

Betsy and Elz exhibit the two extremes on this subject, but they agree on one thing: While some may not be too keen on a jungle, no one likes a furless cat.

We're Not All Animals

By EMILY MUSHEN
Guest Columnist

I picked up a copy of *The Bulletin* this past week and perused, as usual, the happenings around campus. What I did not expect, however, was the tactless article in the new "Sexclamations" section entitled "The Stride of Pride."

True, this is not the 1950s and *The Bulletin* today is far more candid than it was fifty, or even twenty, years ago.

However, it seems to me that we ought to encourage more integrity from our student publication.

Some might respond with a defense that "it happens, so why shouldn't we write about it?" but that position simply doesn't hold water.

There are plenty of things that happen in this world that, whether right, wrong or morally neutral, do not belong in a newspaper.

Those who are interested can seek out plenty of sources of such information elsewhere, but it is embarrassing to have that kind of material in a publication that is distributed to an audience that is supposed to be growing in maturity and integrity, not regressing.

Regarding the specific content of the article, it might be wise to consider why those people walking home in their cocktail dresses and tuxedos are feeling ashamed.

We have all been given consciences, and—since we naturally don't particularly care for the feeling of shame—don't usually feel ashamed by choice.

So, fortunately or unfortunately, that sick feeling in the pit of your stomach or that urge to keep your head bowed as you pass people with your "sex hair" generally tends to let you know when you've gone too far, hard as you may try to justify it in your own mind.

Despite the songs that may tell us otherwise, imitating what you see on Animal Planet (or Discovery Channel) in your own life can indeed be wrong.

Let's not forget that they are

animals. No self-restraint, driven entirely by instinct, with no emotional consequences. Not exactly spectacular role models.

Also, there appears to be a very fundamental disconnect between the ideals that are advocated in this article (e.g., "getting laid"—often when drunk and gloating over it for the specific purpose of provoking jealousy) and the reality that those same ideals often lead directly to instances of date rape which are quickly identified as "serious problems."

How exactly are we supposed to counteract these horrible crimes if we are simultaneously telling college students that they're supposed to get drunk and have sex, and be proud of it? The logic seems a little fuzzy to me, not to mention the moral implications.

In the end, it comes down to a willingness to commit ourselves to respect and uplift each other. Life provides us with the opportunity for real, substantive joy, but we settle for second-best far too often.

Guys, it takes guts to respect a girl enough to hold back on those "animal" instincts, so challenge yourselves.

Girls, we do plenty do objectify ourselves (then feel hurt and bitter when we are treated as objects), but it takes guts to focus our attentions first and foremost on the internal, character-building improvements that have lasting significance. After all, you won't be or look 20 forever.

We all, men and women alike, have a desire to love and be loved for who we are.

But instead of scrambling for what you're going to get out of a relationship, try thinking about what you can offer that will be honoring to your significant other.

It's an amazing gift to be the recipient and the giver of sacrificial love. Don't cheapen it, or you'll miss out on the wonderful sense of being completely fulfilled, regardless of whether you "got some" last night.

Emily Mushen is a senior.

Don't Be A Space Cadet

A Slice of Relationship Advice from Corey Byers, associate editor and
jaded observer



"I need my space."

This line is similar to a big yellow traffic light blinking in your face. The true meaning: slow down.

It seems to induce fear in all those who hear it, as it

should. The phrase isn't taken as seriously as one would hope; it is often kicked to the curb as a cheap excuse for not liking others or wanting to break up.

If you have heard this line recently or plan on delivering it fairly soon, I would suggest you drop those preconceptions. I personally can attest to its validity.

I once dated someone for over a year and found myself starting to plan my future increasingly around that one person.

Before college, I never had a serious relationship, but this was getting pretty intense.

After a while, I got to thinking about the aspirations I had before coming to college.

Since I spent all my free time with him, I hadn't really developed any close friendships with others.

Before having a serious relationship, I had been fairly social, somewhat outgoing and open to any opportunities that might lie ahead.

I realized that I had begun to mentally cut off any options for my future which did not include my significant other.

The realization was suffocating, scary and disappointing, to say the least. I told him I needed my space.

He didn't take it very well. He accused me of no longer loving him and in a matter of seconds he asked if I wanted to break up.

Of course, I didn't want him to think those things, so I kind of backed off on the idea of wanting space.

In retrospect, I should have stuck to my guns.

Over the following months, I internalized my frustration and resentment with the situation.

When I tried to hang out with others, he made me feel guilty; I kept going back to him in my free time in order to appease him.

It got to the point where I couldn't even have a day alone without contact from him. After a brief disagreement, I decided to just not talk to him for 24 hours.

He called my cell phone and sent multiple instant messages, text messages and e-mails. When I didn't respond, he dropped a huge basket of flowers on my doorstep and called my apartment phone five minutes later, just to make sure I had received them.

I knew then, that last thing this guy was going to give me was the space and time I needed to be myself.

I struggled for a few more months with the idea of breaking up with him. I wanted to spend time with others and be less dependent on his attention. Ultimately, I didn't want to hurt him.

Finally, I realized something. My parents weren't paying \$20,000 a year for me to have a boyfriend. I was here to learn from professors and to learn from other people.

Eventually we broke up and it did suck. However, he laid off the constant demands for attention, perhaps things would have panned out differently.

There were many important lessons I learned in regards to needing space and I now know that this line is loaded with truth.

Know your limits in a relationship and know when to say "no." If you need to be independent, don't let someone else's guilt trip hold you down. You'll only resent the other person in the future for your own failure to set boundaries today.

At 19 years old, I knew I had a long life ahead of me, and sorting through someone else's baggage when I was still trying to juggle my own just wasn't going to work.

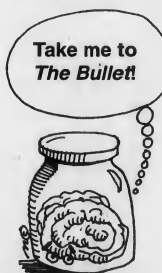
Needing space doesn't always mean you'll be headed for a break-up. Absence can make the heart grow fonder—so can a little space.

COMICS

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Emily Guise is a senior.

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Eagles Finish Season Unscathed

Women's Basketball Advances To Semifinals Undefeated

By LAUREN BOSTON
Sports Editor

In the world of sports, records are meant to be broken. Players have a moment to shine that transcends the season. And once in awhile, heart and hard work overcome the improbable.

Last week the University of Mary Washington women's basketball team reminded a crowd of over 600 of just that, proving that basketball is more than just a game.

In a game of goodbyes and the possibility of broken records and career milestones, the Eagles had more than enough at stake against York.

Before the final home game of the regular season got underway UMW recognized senior Jenn Olinger, who had the chance of becoming the winningest player in UMW women's basketball history if the Eagles could hold off the Spartans.

Head coach Deena Applebury said Olinger brings leadership and a strong defense to the team.

"Her defense is key, especially as we go up against better teams and teams that have that one true, go to offensive scorer that can score 30 points in one night," Applebury said. "She gets the team together, she gets them ready to play, she has them over to her house for team dinners and things like that. Just the camaraderie and the chemistry that we have because of her leadership."

According to Olinger, there were mixed emotions on Senior night.

"Things were so crazy during the actual announcing of me being a senior that much was going through my head at the time," she said. "I got a little teary-eyed when I hugged my parents because my mom was crying. I was just trying to soak it all in and enjoy the moment. Before the game I was really quiet and just kept looking around at all the signs and pictures thinking to myself, 'it doesn't get much better than this.'"

Little did Olinger know it was about to get even better.

The Eagles opened the game with a flurry of three pointers beginning with sophomore Amanda Bates followed by back to back shots behind the arc by Olinger.

Not to be disappointed, fans got an early taste of sophomore Liz Hickey's defensive prowess with a blocked shot that got the crowd going.

And if a 9-2 lead and collapsing defense were not enough, junior Debbie Bruen gave the packed stands another reason to cheer.

Less than four minutes into the first half Bruen stood on the foul line as fans eagerly awaited what was perhaps the most important free throw of her career. Arching through the air, the ball made a crisp swish in the basket as Bruen smiled. She had just scored her 1,000th career point.

"I'm really glad that it happened at home, it

made it that much more exciting," Bruen said. "I just concentrated on making the free throw. It didn't really hit me that it was real until after the game."

UMW continued to dominate on both ends of the court after Bruen's milestone and did so with intensity that was electric.

Hickey was all over the court, rebounding, blocking shots, cutting through the lane and asserting her presence as the Eagles led 21-4 with 13 minutes remaining in the first half.

York picked up the pace and scored six unanswered points as the Eagles slowed down and forced some shots.

Despite York's attempt to pull back into the game, UMW refused to let up. With just over five minutes left Flanagan hit a three pointer to get the

Flanagan came to the rescue yet again with another three pointer, which was quickly countered with a three from York's Heidi Miller.

Despite poor passes and play that was not always pretty, the Eagles shot an impressive 59 percent in the second half and still led 54-40 with a little under ten minutes left in the game.

Hickey had one more stuff for York before traveling to the opposite end of the court for a basket. The Eagles extended their lead and were up 69-46 with under five minutes to play. Sophomore Jess Shifflet helped UMW finish strong, dishing several passes for assists as the Eagles went on to win 75-57.

Key players in the game included Bruen and Hickey, who each recorded 13 points and 10 rebounds, followed by freshman Katy Larson with 10 points.

With the win, Olinger set a record of her own.

"It's a great feeling to be the winningest player in UMW history," Olinger said. "We worked really hard the four years I've been here to get to where we are now. I couldn't have done it without my teams hard work and dedication to be the best team we could possibly be."

Saturday's game also marked their 25th straight win and preserved their perfect record for the regular season.

According to Applebury, there was never a time when she foresaw a 25-0 record.

"You never think you're going to have an undefeated regular season," she said. "I felt confident that we could compete with any team in our conference and any team on our schedule and that we could beat anyone of them on any given night, but you just never know how that's going to work out and I certainly can't say that at any point I thought 'this is it, we're gonna do it, we're gonna go a whole regular season without a loss.' Even all the way up to our last game we were still like, 'Well, it could happen tonight. Someone could come in and play well, we could play bad, it could happen.'"

Hickey acknowledged UMW's perfect record. "Going the entire season without losing rarely happens and it's really exciting to be on a team that accomplished that feat," she said.

“ You never think you're going to have an undefeated regular season. ”



- Deena Applebury

Courtesy UMW Athletics Website

Eagles charged again.

UMW was on the floor with every loose ball, scrambling for each possession. Regardless of a few sloppy passes that were picked off, the Eagles got the job done on defense as York struggled on offense, shooting 17 percent from the field. UMW entered half time up 40-17.

Olinger said her team knew the first half would be crucial against York.

"We came out fired up because they took us into overtime when we played them at York," she said. "We had our mind set on getting up big and getting up big quickly to let them know we came to play this time."

The Eagles came out in the second half prepared to earn their 25th consecutive win. Hickey opened the half with the basket and one.

However, York never dropped out of the race and, due in large part to several UMW turnovers, pulled together a 9-0 run.



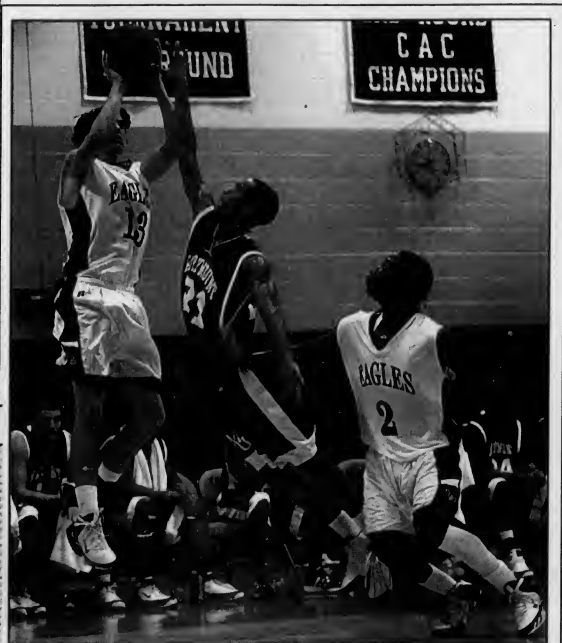
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Freshman Katy Larson shoots a jumper over a Gallaudet defender. The Eagles defeated York to finish the regular season undefeated before beating Gallaudet 95-47 on Tuesday.

The Eagles continued to play well Tuesday night, extending their winning streak to 26 games after beating Gallaudet, 95-47. With the win the Eagles have advanced to the semifinals tonight at 7 p.m., where they will once again face York.

According to Olinger, the Eagles are going to keep doing what works.

"With a 26-0 record I don't think we should change much."



Daniel Ceco/Bullet

Freshman Kiernan Whitworth gets some air above a Marymount defender during Tuesday's 86-63 win. UMW finished the regular season Saturday with a 88-75 loss against York. Despite the loss UMW raised \$650 for Locks of Love during the game along with 12 donations of hair.

CAC Championship First Place Swimmers

Compiled by LAUREN BOSTON
Sports Editor

Women's 200 Free Relay - Junior
Amy Carlson, sophomore Kristen LaCoe, junior Tricia Dilger, junior Maureen Greenlee
Men's 200 Free Relay - Junior Dale
Parker, sophomore Kennard Smith, freshman Cameron Rice, senior Brian Craddock
Women's 500 Free - Sophomore
Abby Koch
Men's 500 Free - Craddock
Women's 200 IM - Dilger
Men's 200 IM - Senior Will Bruner
Men's 50 Free - Parker
Women's 400 Medley Relay - Freshman
Mallory Cruise, Dilger, Greenlee, Carlson
Men's 400 Medley Relay - Craddock, Bruner, Parker, Rice
Women's 200 Medley Relay
Men's 200 Medley Relay
Women's 400 IM - Senior Kathryn Anderson
Men's 400 IM - Bruner

Women's 100 Fly - Carlson
Women's 200 Free - Koch
Men's 200 Free - Craddock
Women's 100 Breast - Dilger
Men's 100 Breast - Parker
Women's 100 Back - Cruise
Men's 800 Free Relay
Men's 1650 Free - Craddock
Women's 200 Back - Carlson
Men's 200 Back - Junior Luke Moss
Women's 100 Free - Greenlee
Men's 100 Free - Rice
Women's 200 Breast - Freshman
Mikey Pride
Men's 200 Breast - Parker
Women's 200 Fly - Senior Lorena dela Garza
Men's 200 Fly - Bruner
Women's 400 Free Relay - Carlson, Koch, LaCoe, Greenlee
Men's 400 Free Relay - Parker, Smith, Rice, Craddock



Sports

Eagles Start Strong

By MARIE PURKERT
Staff Writer



Courtesy UMW Athletic Website

Head Coach
Tom Sheridan

The nationally ranked Mary Washington baseball team defeated Eastern Mennonite University 10-1 in their season opener Tuesday at Dickinson Stadium.

All-American senior pitcher Kevin Foeman struck out 11 and allowed only one run, six hits and two walks in his seven innings.

According to junior infielder Chris Anderson, Foeman is always reliable.

"We knew Kevin wasn't going to give up many runs, it was just a matter of us being able to score some runs," he said.

After seven innings freshman Wes Hayden took over for Foeman and pitched 1.1 innings, allowing one walk and striking out two before sophomore Tyler Harris pitched the final two outs of the game.

The Eagles came out with intensity that only faltered slightly in the top of the third inning when Eastern Mennonite scored the first run of the game.

However, the Eagles were not silenced for long, rallying in the bottom of the fifth to score three runs.

After the first three runs came in, the rest of UMW's offense seemed to come effortlessly as the Eagles added three more runs in the bottom of the seventh, followed by four in the ninth to cement the win.

Anderson was confident with his team's performance later in the game.

"Our bats got off to a slow start, but we started seeing the ball better in the later innings and finally got some runs across the plate," he said.

Offensively the Eagles were led by junior second baseman Tom McDermott, who had three hits in five at bats, and four RBIs. Right behind McDermott were senior catcher Lee Rubin and senior first baseman Brandon Cole who each had two hits, while sophomore infielder Jeff James and junior outfielder Eric Fitzgerald each scored three runs.

Anderson has a high hopes for his team, who has only lost two players from last year.

"We always want to come out there and make a statement first game of the season," he said. "I think a 10-1 win is a good start, we just need to stay focused and prepare for the next game."

"We've worked hard to start the season off right. We have set our goals high, and don't want to lose sight of that."

UMW visited Hampden-Sydney College yesterday but results where not in when *The Bulletin* went to print.

The Eagles will retake the field Saturday at noon when they face Gwynedd-Mercy College for a double header.



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Freshman Chris Armes gets in position to return the ball during Saturday's match against Kenyon College. The men are 2-0 while the women are 1-1 following a loss against Towson University Saturday and a win over Kenyon Sunday.

Tennis Opens On Top

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If last year served as a preview for this year's Mary Washington men and women's tennis program, NCAA tournament opponents need to watch their back.

The Eagle men opened the season 2-0 after a 5-2 win over Kenyon College Saturday.

Head coach Todd Helbling had mixed emotions about his team's performance.

"We did fine [this weekend]," he said. "We had four freshmen starting at number three through six. We didn't play as well as I think we could have and should have, but it was a good start. The match was a good test."

Singles victories were recorded by senior Jon Clair, and freshmen John James, Rappy Loden and Chris Armes.

James felt positive about his match.

"I felt like I played well, especially in my singles match. I made very few unforced errors," he said. "I hope that I can use this match as a confidence booster for the upcoming season."

Helbling has confidence in his freshmen.

"All four [of our freshmen] are starting right now," he said. "They're all good guys, they're starting out strong, so we're excited about all of them."

Doubles highlights included wins from senior Paul Bristow and Loden's, Armes and sophomore Jon Pollak, and James and freshman Jason Dunn.

Loden praised the doubles teams for their competitiveness, but acknowledge the progress they have yet to make.

"We played a pretty tough team and started off well with three strong doubles wins," Loden said. "We played solid, but will need to play better during the rest of the season. Just keep working hard during practice."

"Our freshmen need more matches and experience, more confidence," Helbling said. "They don't really know our opponents; they don't know our rivals, so that stuff takes a little while to learn."

The Eagles men will get more experience when they host Washington and Lee University and Longwood University on Sunday, Feb. 26.

On Saturday, the University's Eagle women faced off against Towson University, losing 6-3, but quickly recovering on Sunday in a face-off against Kenyon College. Their season record is now an even 1-1.

Saturday's face-off between UMW and Towson women provided a blow to the Eagles.

The Eagle women won only one of three doubles matches, coupled with two singles wins, ending the dual match with a final score of 6-3.

Singles wins included freshman Stephanie Kurti's defeat over Evelyn Izaguirre, 6-3, 6-1; and freshman Becky Morse-Karzen's win. The women's sole doubles win was achieved by Kurti and senior Gayle Smith over Woolfolk and Amanda Scautochio, 8-6.

Despite their rough beginning, the Eagle

women beat Kenyon College the next day.

Head Coach Patrick Catullo was pleased with his team's enthusiasm.

"The team did alright this weekend," he said. "We have some issues to work on, but any sport is a little bumpy when you first start off. It's going to be a work in progress for a while, but overall I'm very pleased with what I saw."

Morse-Karzen agreed.

"I feel like the team came out more confident and prepared on Sunday than we did on Saturday because we knew what to expect," she said.

This confidence brought the women to victory, losing just five of their seven matches.

First round doubles highlights included wins from Kurti and Smith, sophomore Katie Miglin and Morse-Karzen, and sophomore Natalija Fugate and freshman Kelsey Mansmann. Singles wins included Kurti, Morse-Karzen, freshmen Kate Malpeli and Amy Sheetz.

Kurti is optimistic about the team's future.

"This weekend we really proved how well we can do this season. Towson is a division one school, and many of the girls may have experienced first match jitters but we still did our best and were able to compete with them and have many close matches," Kurti said. "The team did awesome against Kenyon and all the hard-work we have done the past few weeks really paid off. This is just the beginning of a great season."

The Eagle women will host George Mason on Saturday, Feb. 25.

Upcoming Events

Feb. 23 - Women's Basketball vs. York, CAC Semifinals, 7 p.m.

Feb. 25 - Women's Tennis vs. George Mason, 10 a.m.
Baseball vs. Gwynedd-Mercy (DH), 12 p.m.
Men's Lacrosse vs. Hampden-Sydney, 1 p.m.
Softball vs. Messiah, 1 p.m.

Feb. 26 - Men's Tennis vs. Washington, 10 a.m.
Men's Tennis vs. Longwood, 2 p.m.

Feb. 28 - Softball vs. Oneonta, 2:30 p.m.
Women's Lacrosse vs. Sweet Briar, 4 p.m.

Mar. 1 - Men's Lacrosse vs. Villa Julie, 3 p.m.

Athletes of the Week

Junior Debbie Bruen scored her 1,000th career point Saturday against York College of Pa. Junior Carissa Culbreath broke her school record in the weight throw at 43 feet, 3.75 inches at the George Mason Invitational Saturday.



Debbie Bruen



Carissa Culbreath